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Chapter 7

PRIMES AND FACTORS

Introduction

Chapter 5 indicated the need for new numbers to answer certain questions that counting numbers cannot answer, and introduced the rational numbers. The counting numbers were identified with certain rational numbers. Chapter 6 defined binary operations on the rational numbers.

In this chapter we shall take another look at whole numbers, investigating a collection of ideas not only interesting in themselves, but useful in the study of number systems.

7.1 Whole Numbers - A New Look

We can ask questions in terms of whole numbers that cannot be answered with whole numbers. For example, the equation $5x = 9$ stated with whole numbers cannot be solved with a whole number. This situation led to the development of the positive rational numbers. Now, we shall back up a bit and examine the whole numbers in some detail. That some equations of the form $bx = a$, $\underline{a}$ and $\underline{b}$ whole numbers, have solutions among the whole numbers whereas others do not, is in itself intriguing.

Note the following equations.

Equations (Stated with whole numbers)	Solution Set (Restricted to whole numbers)
$3x = 3$	$\{1\}$
$2x = 6$	$\{3\}$
$5x = 420$	$\{84\}$
$3x = 7$	$\emptyset$
$5x = 9$	$\emptyset$

That $2x = 6$ has a whole number solution, 3, but that $5x = 9$ has no whole number solution suggests a study of multiplicative properties of whole numbers. Can we distinguish those pairs of whole numbers a, b for which solutions of $bx = a$ can be found?

Let us examine how whole numbers can be expressed as products of other whole numbers.

> Given the numbers a and b, we say that b is a *factor* of a if and only if a whole number c can be found such that
>
> $$bc = a \, .$$

For example, if $a = 10$ and $b = 5$, then we have

$$5c = 10 \, .$$

We find that c equals the whole number 2.

$$5 \cdot 2 = 10 \, .$$

Hence we conclude that 5 is a factor of 10. By use of the commutative property, we can rewrite the last equation as $2 \cdot 5 = 10$ indicating that 2 is also a factor of 10.

The concept of factor for numbers is only interesting if a restriction is made in the definition. Let us see what would happen if the adjective "whole" were omitted from the definition. If this were done, then any non-zero number would be a factor of every number. For example:

17 would be a factor of 100 since $17 \cdot \frac{100}{17} = 100$;

12 would be a factor of 18 since $12 \cdot \frac{3}{2} = 18$;

$\frac{9}{10}$ would be a factor of $\frac{2}{3}$ since $\frac{9}{10} \cdot \frac{20}{27} = \frac{2}{3}$.

Thus in the concept of factoring, there is always a restriction implied. Here our restriction is to whole numbers.

Because the same idea arose in different branches of mathematics, other language besides "factor" is also used; for instance: "divides", "divisor", and "multiple of". "Divides" means that division produces a quotient without a remainder. Thus, from $5 \cdot 2 = 10$ we say that 5 "divides" 10; that 5 is a "divisor" of 10; and that 10 is a "multiple of" 5.

Each whole number has many names. For example, the number 24 may be written as the product of two whole numbers. When 24 is written as the product of two whole numbers, the equality is called a product expression.

All product expressions of 24 are:

$1 \times 24 = 24$

$2 \times 12 = 24$

$3 \times 8 = 24$

$4 \times 6 = 24$

From these product expressions, we name the possible factors of 24 as 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24. The factors of 24 determine the whole number replacements for $\underline{b}$ in the equation $bx = 24$ that give whole number solutions.

What equations of the form $bx = a$ can we make using $\underline{a} = 24$ such that $\underline{b}$ and x are whole numbers?

$1x = 24$ $\quad$ $6x = 24$

$2x = 24$ $\quad$ $8x = 24$

$3x = 24$ $\quad$ $12x = 24$

$4x = 24$ $\quad$ $24x = 24$

Does this mean that these are the only questions of the form $bx = a$, $a = 24$, that we can answer with x a whole number? Yes, because all factors of 24 were used as replacements for $\underline{b}$.

Suppose other whole numbers are used as replacements for $\underline{b}$ in $bx = 24$ as shown below.

$5x = 24$ $\quad$ $10x = 24$

$7x = 24$ $\quad$ $30x = 24$

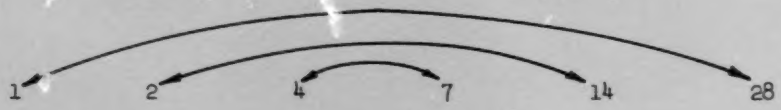
While we know that each of these equations has a solution which is a rational number, none has a solution among the whole numbers. Thus in $bx = 24$, $\underline{b}$ and $\underline{x}$ whole numbers, $\underline{b}$ may have replacements 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24, but may not have other replacements such as 5, 7, 10, 30.

In general, we see that if $\underline{a}$ and $\underline{b}$ are whole numbers and we want $\underline{x}$ to be a whole number in $bx = a$, then $\underline{b}$ must be a factor of $\underline{a}$.

Class Exercises

For exercises 1-3, $\underline{a}$, $\underline{b}$, and $\underline{x}$ are restricted to counting numbers with $\underline{a}$ a multiple of $\underline{b}$.

1. For $a = 28$, list the factors of $\underline{a}$ and write all equations of the form $bx = a$, for which $\underline{x}$ has a solution that is a whole number.
2. Factors of a number can be paired so that their product is the given number. For example, the factors of 28 may be paired.

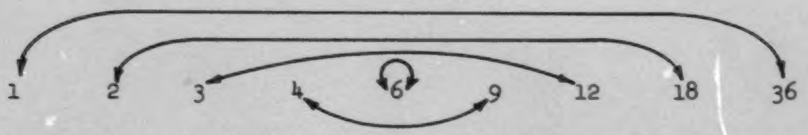


Another arrangement is seen in the factor pairs of 36. Product expressions for 36 are:

$$1 \times 36 = 36$$
$$2 \times 18 = 36$$
$$3 \times 12 = 36$$
$$4 \times 9 = 36$$
$$6 \times 6 = 36$$

The factors for 36 are: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 36.

The factor pairs are:



List the factors and indicate the factor pairs for:

a. 18 b. 32 c. 25

3. For each part of Exercise 2, how many equations of the form $bx = a$ can be written so that x is a counting number and a has the value indicated?

Let us explore the role that zero plays when factors and products are under consideration.

Since the product of zero and any number is zero, we can rule out equations such as

$$0 \cdot x = 17 .$$

No whole number x makes this statement true. Hence, 0 is not a factor of 17. Consider the equation

$$0 \cdot x = 0 .$$

Every whole number x makes the statement true. Hence, 0 is a factor of 0. Last, consider the equation

$$17 \cdot x = 0 .$$

The whole number 0 makes this sentence true. Hence, 17 is a factor of 0. However, this is not a very exciting fact since we must therefore conclude that every number is a factor of 0.

Since 17 is a factor of 0, we say that 17 divides 0. Since 0 is not a factor of 17, we say that 0 does not divide 17. However, while we agree to say that 0 is a factor of 0, we do not, in this case, say that 0 divides 0.

One is a factor of any number. In fact, certain counting numbers can be expressed as a product only of themselves and 1. That 1 is a factor is so obvious that it is frequently omitted in listing factors of a number. In some cases, however, this is the only way that a whole number can be expressed as a product. For example:

$$7 = 7 \times 1 \qquad 3 = 3 \times 1 \qquad 13 = 13 \times 1$$

In summary, regarding zero and one as factors, we say:

> Zero is not a factor of any whole number except itself.
> One is a factor of every whole number.

7.2 Prime Numbers

In the preceding section, we studied factors. In this section we introduce several classifications of the counting numbers and learn how such classifications may help in calculating with rational numbers.

One such classification consists of even numbers and odd numbers. A number is even if it can be expressed in the form $2n$, n a whole number. Zero is an even number in that zero may be expressed in the form $2n$: $0 = 2(0)$. Also base ten numerals ending with the digit 0 represent even numbers, since each may be expressed in the form $2n$. For example,

$$30 = 2 \cdot 15$$
$$3000 = 2 \cdot 1500$$

A number is odd if it can be expressed in the form $2n + 1$. For example,

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1 = 2 \cdot 0 + 1 & 9 = 2 \cdot 4 + 1 \\ 3 = 2 \cdot 1 + 1 & 11 = 2 \cdot 5 + 1 \\ 5 = 2 \cdot 2 + 1 & 79 = 2 \cdot 39 + 1 \\ 7 = 2 \cdot 3 + 1 & \end{array}$$

Some textbooks state that if a whole number is divisible by 2, then it is an even number; and if a whole number is not divisible by 2, then it is an odd number. This seemingly rudimentary classification of the whole numbers into these two classes has many uses (remember the unicursal problems?), and will be used later to prove $\sqrt{2}$ is not a rational number.

Whole numbers may thus be classified into two sets:

$$O = \{ 1, 3, 5, 7, \ldots \}$$
$$E = \{ 0, 2, 4, 6, \ldots \}$$

For the next classification we shall consider only the counting numbers. If we examine each of the first fourteen counting numbers, we find several definite patterns among the sets of factors. We list all factors, as shown.

Counting Number	Factors
1	1
2	1, 2
3	1, 3
4	1, 2, 4
5	1, 5
6	1, 2, 3, 6
7	1, 7
8	1, 2, 4, 8
9	1, 3, 9
10	1, 2, 5, 10
11	1, 11
12	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12
13	1, 13
14	1, 2, 7, 14

Some numbers, like 2, 3, 5, 7, and 11 can be expressed as a product of only themselves and 1. These numbers are called *primes*. Other numbers such as 4, 6, 9, and 14 have factors different from themselves and 1. Such numbers are *composite* numbers. (For convenience in stating theorems, the number 1 is considered neither a prime number nor a composite number.) This discussion leads to the definitions in SMSG *Mathematics for Junior High School*, Volume I, which are repeated here.

A *prime number* is a counting number, other than 1, which is divisible only by itself and 1.

A *composite number* is a counting number which is divisible by a smaller counting number different from 1. Thus a composite number is a counting number different from 1 which is not a prime.

When we speak of the *complete factorization* of a number, we refer to the number written as a product of prime factors. Frequently it is expedient to think of a composite number as a product of its factors. If 175 is written as $5 \times 5 \times 7$, it is shown as the product of its prime factors; this is the complete factorization of 175. Regardless of whether we divide first by 5 or by 7, we complete the factorization with the same prime factors; the only difference is order.

$$175 = 25 \times 7 = 5 \times 5 \times 7$$
$$175 = 5 \times 35 = 5 \times 7 \times 5$$
$$175 = 35 \times 5 = 7 \times 5 \times 5$$

These indicated products are all equal. Recall that changing the order of the factors in multiplication can be accomplished by using the associative and commutative properties.

The property we have just observed, that the complete factorization of a number is unique, is called the Unique Factorization Property.

> Unique Factorization Property: Every counting number greater than 1 can be written as a product of primes. Except for order, this factorization is unique.

This property is sometimes called the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic. Examples readily convince students of the validity of this theorem. (Various proofs exist and may be found in any book on number theory.)

It is frequently convenient to use the exponential form in the complete factorization of a number. For example,

$$144 = 3 \times 3 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 3^2 \times 2^4 .$$

In review, we note that the set of counting numbers may be partitioned into three subsets:

The set of prime numbers
The set of composite numbers
The set containing the number 1

Class Exercises

4. Find the smallest prime factor of
   (a) 135 (b) 539 (c) 484

5. Give the complete factorization of
   (a) 26 (b) 210 (c) 47

6. Give the complete factorization of 600 in exponential form.

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7.3 Least Common Multiple, Greatest Common Factor

The study of composite numbers and their factorizations leads us to least common multiples and greatest common factors

The least common multiple (l.c.m.) of a set of counting numbers is the smallest counting number which is a multiple of each number of the set. Consider the numbers 6 and 16 and the set of multiples for each.

Set of multiples of 6: {6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, ㊽, 54, 60, ...}

Set of multiples of 16: {16, 32, ㊽, 64, 80, 96, ...}

By inspecting the two sets of multiples we see that 48 is the smallest multiple common to both. Hence the l.c.m. of 6 and 16 is 48.

The set of all common multiples of 6 and 16 is

{ 48, 96, 144, 192, ... }.

Note that a set of common multiples for two numbers is always an infinite set; there is no greatest common multiple.

The greatest common factor (g.c.f.) of a set of counting numbers is the largest counting number that is a factor of each member of the set.

Again consider the numbers 6 and 16 but this time with the set of factors for each.

Set of factors of 6: {1, ② 3, 6}

Set of factors of 16: {1, ② 4, 8, 16}

By inspecting the two sets of factors we see that 2 is the largest factor common to both. Hence the g.c.f of 6 and 16 is 2. The set of all common factors of 6 and 16 is

{ 1, 2 }.

The set of common factors for two numbers is always finite; there is always a greatest common factor.

Another method for finding the l.c.m. and the g.c.f of two numbers utilizes their complete factorizations. The complete prime factorizations of 36 and 120 are given here.

$$36 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2$$

$$120 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$$

The l.c.m. must contain all the different prime factors of each number and these factors must occur as frequently as the greater number of times they occur in either of the factorizations. Thus the least common multiple of 36 and 120 is

$$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 = 360 .$$

The g.c.f. must contain only those prime factors common to each number and these factors must occur only as frequently as the lesser number of times that they occur in the factorizations. Thus the greatest common factor of 36 and 120 is $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 2^2 \cdot 3^1 = 12$.

Class Exercises

7. Find the l.c.m. for each pair of numbers.
   (a) 8 and 12 (b) 14 and 35

8. Find the g.c.f. for each pair of numbers.
   (a) 48 and 80 (b) 16 and 36

9. Give the complete factorization of 24 and 90 in exponential form. Then write their l.c.m. and g.c.f. in exponential form.

10. What is the greatest common factor of any two prime numbers p and q ? What is the least common multiple of the two primes?

Let us factor completely the two numbers 32 and 20.

$$32 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 2^5$$

$$20 = 2 \times 2 \times 5 = 2^2 \times 5$$

From their complete factorizations, we find:

the l.c.m. of 32 and 20 is $2^5 \times 5 = 160$;

the g.c.f. of 32 and 20 is $2^2 = 4$.

To take this a bit further, the product of the l.c.m. and the g.c.f. is

$$160 \times 4 = 640 .$$

Compare this with the product of the original numbers 32 and 20.

$$32 \times 20 = 640$$

For two counting numbers, it is always true that their product is the same as the product of their l.c.m. and g.c.f.

> If m and n are any two counting numbers, the product of their l.c.m. and g.c.f. is $m \times n$.

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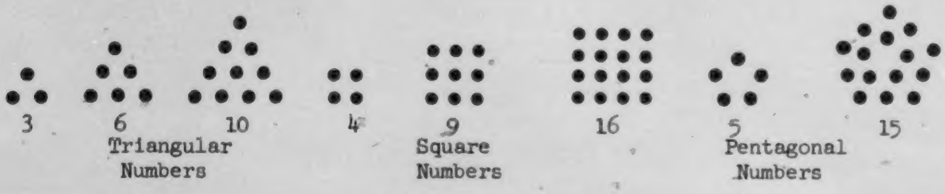
Class Exercises

11. Find the least common multiple and the greatest common factor of 64 and 36. Compare the product of their l.c.m. and g.c.f. with the product of the original numbers.

12. Two bells are set so that their time interval for striking is different.
    (a) One bell strikes every 3 minutes and the second strikes every 5 minutes. If both bells strike together at 12:00 noon, when will they strike together again?
    (b) One bell strikes every 6 minutes and the second bell every 15 minutes. If they both strike at 12:00 noon, when will they strike together again?
    (c) Find the l.c.m. of 3 and 5, and the l.c.m. of 6 and 15. Compare these with answers of parts (a) and (b).

7.4 Some Historical Comments

The ancient Greeks loved to study numbers. They gave fanciful and mystical names and interpretations to numbers with certain special properties. They spoke of triangular, square, and pentagonal numbers because of their geometric properties.



They also spoke of perfect and amicable numbers. These numbers had special properties determined by their factors. Let us look at one set of these mystical numbers in more detail.

Consider the table of factors of some of the whole numbers as shown below. We immediately recognize those numbers with only two factors as being prime.

n	Factors of n	n	Factors of n
1	1	11	1, 11
2	1, 2	12	1, 2, 4, 6, 12
3	1, 3	13	1, 13
4	1, 2, 4	14	1, 2, 7, 14
5	1, 5	15	1, 3, 5, 15
6	1, 2, 3, 6	16	1, 2, 4, 8, 16
7	1, 7	17	1, 17
8	1, 2, 4, 8	18	1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 18
9	1, 3, 9	19	1, 19
10	1, 2, 5, 10	20	1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20

If, for each whole number, we take the sum of all its factors except the number itself, we find that the sums fall into three groups. Certain sums are greater than their respective numbers; other sums are smaller than their corresponding numbers. But in a few cases, the sum is the same as the number. Such a number is called a perfect number.

Six is a perfect number, since

$$6 = 1 + 2 + 3 .$$

Another perfect number is 496, since

$$496 = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + 31 + 62 + 124 + 248 .$$

Only a few perfect numbers have been found.

In the table above showing the factors of n, do you notice that some numbers have exactly two distinct factors whereas other numbers have more than two? Observe that 1 is a factor of every counting number. Do you notice patterns for the occurence of 2 as a factor? of 3 as a factor? of 5 as a factor?

Amicable numbers are pairs of numbers with the following property: For each number the sum of all its factors except the number itself, equals the other number. The numbers 220 and 284 are examples of amicable numbers.

The factors of 220 are 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 20, 22, 44, 55, 110, 220.

$$1 + 2 + 4 + 5 + 10 + 11 + 20 + 22 + 44 + 55 + 110 = \underline{284} .$$

The factors of 284 are 1, 2, 4, 71, 142, 284.

$$1 + 2 + 4 + 71 + 142 = \underline{220} .$$

These are the smallest amicable numbers. Another pair, found by Fermat, is 17,296 and 18,416.

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Class Exercises

13. Show that 28 is a perfect number.

14. Can you find another perfect number p such that $8000 < p < 8130$?

15. When the sum of all factors of a number except the number itself is not large enough to make a perfect number, the sum is said to be "deficient". Sums too large to make a perfect number are said to be "abundant". Indicate which of the following numbers have deficient sums and which have abundant sums.

(a) 10 (b) 16 (c) 20 (d) 36

The properties of prime numbers have challenged mathematicians throughout the ages. Euclid, the famous Greek who wrote the first geometry textbooks called the Elements about 300 B.C., was able to prove that there are an infinite number of primes.

Eratosthenes, who lived about 225 B.C., and is famous for his indirect measurement of the diameter of the earth, also studied primes. He developed a method called the "sieve of Eratosthenes" for finding primes by sifting out composite numbers. The method uses the fact that every second counting number from 2 is composite and has a factor 2; every third counting number from 3 is composite and has a factor 3; every fifth counting number after 5 has a factor 5, and so forth. To find the primes less than or equal to 100 by this method, first list in order the counting numbers from 1 to 100. Cross out every second number after the prime 2 since these are all composite numbers that contain the prime factor 2. Next cross out every third number after the prime 3 since they all contain the prime factor 3. The number 4 has already been crossed out and is therefore not prime. The next number not crossed out is the prime 5. Every fifth number after the prime 5 is then crossed out. This eliminates all composites that are multiples of 5. In like manner 6, 8, 9, and 10 have already been eliminated as composites, while 7 and 11 are found to be prime. The table should now look like the following. From our work with factor pairs, we know that every composite number 100 or less with a factor greater than 10 has a corresponding factor less than 10. All composite numbers with factors less than 10 have already been eliminated.

Thus, all composite numbers in the table have been crossed out; only the primes equal to or less than 100 and the number 1 remain.

Sieve of Eratosthenes for the numbers from 1 through 100:

$\boxed{*1}$	②	③	~~4~~	⑤	~~6~~	⑦	~~8~~	~~9~~	~~10~~
⑪	~~12~~	⑬	~~14~~	~~15~~	~~16~~	⑰	~~18~~	⑲	~~20~~
~~21~~	~~22~~	㉓	~~24~~	~~25~~	~~26~~	~~27~~	~~28~~	㉙	~~30~~
㉛	~~32~~	~~33~~	~~34~~	~~35~~	~~36~~	㊲	~~38~~	~~39~~	~~40~~
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*Remember! 1 is not a prime number.

While this method is useful in locating primes equal to or less than 100, it cannot be used to locate all primes. Indeed, some 2000 years after Eratosthenes, mathematicians have still not found a method for finding all primes.

Number Theory is possibly the oldest branch of higher mathematics. Part of its fascination over the years has been the ease with which problems may be stated. Many problems need only some knowledge of arithmetic and of primes to be stated. The solution of some of these problems may be found easily at this level; others require greater ingenuity. Some, though simply stated, may require mathematical reasoning and techniques of the highest order.

A very elementary theorem to prove is the one already given:

> For whole numbers $\underline{m}$ and $\underline{n}$ the product of their least common multiple and their greatest common factor is equal to the product of $\underline{m}$ and $\underline{n}$.

At the other extreme is the problem known as the Golbach Conjecture:

> Every even number greater than 4 may be written as the sum of two primes.

Though some progress has been made on this problem, it has resisted a complete answer for over 150 years. It is still only a conjecture.

An even older problem dating back at least to Euclid concerns the perfect numbers. All the known perfect numbers are even numbers. No one has ever succeeded in finding an odd perfect number nor has anyone been able to show that there are no odd perfect numbers. It is clear that no prime is a perfect number. While it is not quite so apparent, the product of two odd primes cannot be a perfect number. Still harder to prove, but true, is that the product of three odd primes is not a perfect number. This is the sort of information that has been collected on this problem, but is still a long way from a solution.

Class Exercise

Many mathematicians have tried to prove that:

> There are no integers x, y, and z for which $x^n + y^n = z^n$ if $n > 2$. (Known as Fermat's Last Theorem, it has not been proved.)

16. Using your knowledge of the Pythagorean property, experiment with $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ by finding replacements for x, y, and z. Try some of these number triples in $x^n + y^n = z^n$ with $n = 3$ or $n = 4$. Are you successful in finding some that work?

7.5 Positive Rational Numbers - Role of Factors

We pause long enough to see how the factoring of composite numbers may be used to improve the mechanics of operating with numbers that are expressed in fractional form. The mechanical aspects of addition leave room for variations. Our motivation for addition of rational numbers essentially depended upon finding a common denominator which is a common multiple of the denominators. The common denominator used to add $\frac{a}{b}$ and $\frac{c}{d}$ was bd; in some cases this is the smallest common denominator that may be used.

Let us consider several examples.

Example 1. To find $\frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{3}$ we note that both denominators are prime numbers. The common multiple, 15, is also the least common multiple. Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{3} &= \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{5} \\ &= \frac{9}{15} + \frac{10}{15} \\ &= \frac{19}{15}. \end{aligned}$$

__Example 2__. To add $\frac{5}{24}$ and $\frac{5}{18}$ we may use as a common denominator $24 \times 18 = 432$. The number 432 is a common multiple of 24 and 18. Following the method of Example 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{5}{24} + \frac{5}{18} &= \frac{5}{24} \cdot \frac{18}{18} + \frac{5}{18} \cdot \frac{24}{24} \\ &= \frac{90}{432} + \frac{120}{432} \\ &= \frac{210}{432} .\end{aligned}$$

A quick observation indicates that since the numerator and denominator end in 0 and 2, the fraction can be reduced.

Rather than using this relatively large number, 432, as a common multiple of the denominators of $\frac{5}{24}$ and $\frac{5}{18}$, we can simplify our computation using the least common multiple of 24 and 18. Because both denominators are composite numbers, we factor the numbers to determine their least common multiple.

$$24 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 2^3 \cdot 3$$

$$18 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 2 \cdot 3^2$$

The l.c.m. of 24 and 18 is $2^3 \cdot 3^2 = 8 \cdot 9 = 72$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{5}{24} + \frac{5}{18} &= \frac{5}{24} \cdot \frac{3}{3} + \frac{5}{18} \cdot \frac{4}{4} \\ &= \frac{15}{72} + \frac{20}{72} \\ &= \frac{35}{72}\end{aligned}$$

Following the equation method given in Chapter 6, we may add the numbers $\frac{5}{24}$ and $\frac{5}{18}$ as shown below.

Let $x = \frac{5}{24}$ and $y = \frac{5}{18}$

Then $24x = 5$ and $18y = 5$.

To suggest the distributive law we multiply the first equation by 18 and the second one by 24 as shown at the left. We may just as well multiply the first equation by 3 and the second by 4 as shown at the right. In either case, the value for $x + y$ can be found. The second method, utilizing the least common multiple, simply gives the result in a more simplified form.

$$\begin{aligned} 435x &= 90 \\ 435y &= 120 \\ \hline 435x + 435y &= 90 + 120 \\ 435\,(x + y) &= 210 \\ x + y &= \frac{210}{435} \end{aligned} \qquad\qquad \begin{aligned} 72x &= 15 \\ 72y &= 20 \\ \hline 72x + 72y &= 15 + 20 \\ 72\,(x + y) &= 35 \\ x + y &= \frac{35}{72} \end{aligned}$$

This last method is not suggested for the seventh grader. It is given here to emphasize again how rational numbers can be treated through equations. However, the similarity of this method with the first should be apparent.

Example 3. Last, we find the sum of three addends: $\frac{7}{24}$, $\frac{11}{36}$, and $\frac{5}{72}$.

$$\begin{aligned} 24 &= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \\ 36 &= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \\ 72 &= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \end{aligned}$$

The l.c.m. of 24, 36, 72 is $2^3 \cdot 3^2 = 72$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{7}{24} + \frac{11}{36} + \frac{5}{72} &= \frac{7}{24} \cdot \frac{3}{3} + \frac{11}{36} \cdot \frac{2}{2} + \frac{5}{72} \\ &= \frac{21}{72} + \frac{22}{72} + \frac{5}{72} \\ &= \frac{48}{72} \end{aligned}$$

The reader, looking at the sum $\frac{48}{72}$, feels immediately that we can reduce the fraction. A quick check of divisibility reveals that both 48 and 72 are divisible by 2 and by 3. However, let us use another procedure. We determine the greatest common factor of 48 and 72.

$$\begin{aligned} 48 &= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \\ 72 &= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \end{aligned}$$

The g.c.f. of 48, 72 is $2^3 \cdot 3 = 24$.

$$\frac{48}{72} = \frac{24}{24} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

This is the second time in the same example that we have had the opportunity to rename a rational number.

It follows that

$$\frac{7}{24} + \frac{11}{36} + \frac{5}{72} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

It is not always possible to reduce the results as was done in Example 3. Looking at another sum we computed, $\frac{35}{72}$ and $\frac{19}{15}$, we proceed in the same manner.

$$35 = 5 \cdot 7 \qquad\qquad 72 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$$

A greatest common factor for 35 and 72 is 1. Hence, the fraction $\frac{35}{72}$ cannot be reduced.

Next, we examine 19 and 15 in the same way.

$$19 = 19 \cdot 1 \qquad\qquad 15 = 3 \cdot 5$$

The greatest common factor for 19 and 15 is 1, since there are no common primes in the complete factorization of these two numbers. Hence, the fraction $\frac{19}{15}$ cannot be reduced.

Two numbers containing no common prime factors are said to be relatively prime to each other. If two relatively prime numbers serve as the numerator and denominator of a fraction, then the fraction is said to be in "lowest terms" and cannot be reduced.

Prime numbers, complete factorization, least common multiples, and greatest common factors apply to the study of counting numbers. The positive rational numbers can be defined in terms of the counting numbers. Hence, it is not surprising to find that we make use of the idea of the least common multiple of counting numbers in finding the "lowest common denominator" when adding fractions. Likewise, we make use of the idea of the greatest common factor of counting numbers in "reducing fractions to lowest terms". The purpose of this section is to illustrate the role of factors and multiples in operating with the positive rational numbers.

Factors and multiples play a role in all four of the fundamental operations with the rational numbers. The use of least common multiples is evident in subtraction with rational numbers, just as in addition. For the operation subtraction with rational numbers, we cite the example $\frac{4}{50} - \frac{4}{75}$.

$$50 = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 = 2 \cdot 5^2$$

$$75 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 = 3 \cdot 5^2$$

The l.c.m. of 50, 75 is $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 = 150$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{4}{50} - \frac{4}{75} &= \frac{4}{50} \cdot \frac{3}{3} - \frac{4}{75} \cdot \frac{2}{2} \\ &= \frac{12}{150} - \frac{8}{150} = \frac{4}{150}\end{aligned}$$

Next, we examine 4 and 150 for their g.c.f.

$$4 = 2 \cdot 2 = 2^2$$

$$150 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2$$

The g.c.f. of 4, 150 is 2 .

Hence, $\frac{4}{150} = \frac{2}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{75} = \frac{2}{75}$

and, $\frac{4}{50} - \frac{4}{75} = \frac{2}{75}$.

The most common way to add rational numbers, when they are named as fractions whose denominators differ, is to rename them with the same denominator. Efficiency in renaming these numbers is achieved by using their least common multiple. However, this will not necessarily yield the answer in simplest form. The key idea in renaming a rational number in simplest fraction form is the use of the greatest common factor of numerator and denominator.

Class Exercise

17. a. Combine, as indicated, using complete factorizations as needed.

$$\frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{77} + \frac{5}{21}$$

b. Check the result for common factors in numerator and denominator.

c. Write, in set notation, the set of factors for each denominator in (a). What is the union of these three sets? Compare this answer with the factors determining the l.c.m. used in (a).

Answers to Class Exercises

1. 1, 2, 4, 7, 14, 28

$x = 28$

$2x = 28$

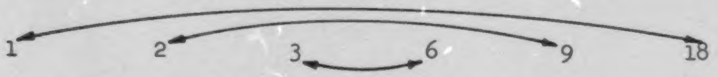
$4x = 28$

$7x = 28$

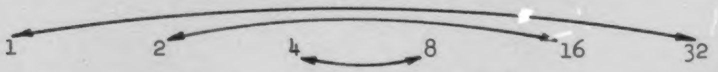
$14x = 28$

$28x = 28$

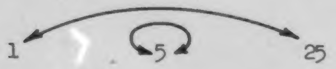
2. a. 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 18



b. 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32



c. 1, 5, 25



3. a. 6 b. 6 c. 3

4. a. 3 b. 7 c. 2

5. a. $26 = 2 \times 13$

b. $210 = 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7$

c. $47 = 47 \times 1$ (prime)

6. $600 = 2^3 \times 3 \times 5^2$

7. a. 24 b. 70

8. a. 16 b. 4

9. $24 = 2^3 \times 3$, $90 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 5$

l.c.m. $= 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 5$

g.c.f. $= 2 \times 3$

10. 1 ; pq

11. l.c.m. = 576 g.c.f. = 4

$$576 \times 4 = 2304$$
$$64 \times 36 = 2304$$

12. a. 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, ... --- first bell
5, 10, 15, ... --- second bell
They strike together again in 15 minutes; that is, at 12:15 o'clock.

b. 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, ... --- first bell
15, 30, ... --- second bell
They strike together again in 30 minutes; that is, at 12:30 o'clock.

c. l.c.m. of 3, 5 = 15
l.c.m. of 6, 15 = 30

13. 28 = 1 + 2 + 4 + 7 + 14

14. 8128 = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + 32 + 64 + 127 + 254 + 508
1016 + 2032 + 4064

15. deficient: 10, 16
abundant: 20, 36

16. Some examples are:

$$3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2$$
$$5^2 + 12^2 = 13^2$$
$$10^2 + 24^2 = 26^2$$

$x^n + y^n = z^n$, $n > 2$, has intrigued mathematicians for many years. No number triples have been found which make $x^n + y^n = z^n$ true for $n > 2$.

17. a. 3 = 3
77 = 7 · 11
21 = 3 · 7

the l.c.m. of 3, 77, 21 is 3 · 7 · 11 = 231

$$\frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{77} + \frac{5}{21} = \frac{22 \cdot 7}{33 \cdot 7} - \frac{2 \cdot 3}{77 \cdot 3} + \frac{5 \cdot 11}{21 \cdot 11}$$
$$= \frac{154}{231} - \frac{6}{231} + \frac{55}{231} = \frac{203}{231}$$

b. $203 = 29 \cdot 7$

$231 = 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 3$

g.c.f. of $203, 231 = 7$

Hence, $\frac{203}{231} = \frac{29 \cdot 7}{33 \cdot 7} = \frac{29}{33}$.

c. $A = \{3\}$; $B = \{7, 11\}$; $C = \{3, 7\}$.

$(A \cup B) \cup C = \{3, 7, 11\}$

l.c.m. of $3, 77, 21$ is $3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 = 231$

The union of the 3 sets is the same as the set of factors used to determine the l.c.m.

Chapter Exercises

1. Find a complete factorization of each of the following:

(a) 39	(c) 81	(e) 180	(g) 576
(b) 60	(d) 98	(f) 258	(h) 2324

2. Find the least common multiple (l.c.m.) and the greatest common factor (g.c.f.) for each pair of numbers.

(a) 6, 78	(b) 14, 105	(c) 37, 41

3. Copy the following table for counting number N and complete it through $N = 30$.

N	Factors of N	Number of Factors	Sum of Factors
1	1	1	1
2	1,2	2	3
3	1,3	2	4
4	1,2,4	3	7
5	1,5	2	6
6	1,2,3,6	4	12
7	1,7	2	8
8	1,2,4,8	4	15

a. Which numbers represented by N in the table above have exactly two factors?

b. Which numbers N have exactly three factors?

c. If $N = p^2$ (where p is a prime number), how many factors does N have?

d. If $N = pq$ (where p and q are different prime numbers), how many factors does N have? What is the sum of its factors?

e. If $N = 2^k$ (where k is a counting number), how many factors does N have?

4. a. Is it possible to have exactly four composite numbers between two consecutive primes? If so, give an example.

b. Is it possible to have exactly five consecutive composite numbers between two consecutive primes? If so, give an example.

5. Given the numbers 135, 222, 783, 1065. Without dividing answer the following questions. Then check your answers by dividing.

   a. Which numbers are divisible by 3?
   b. Which numbers are divisible by 6?
   c. Which numbers are divisible by 9?
   d. Which numbers are divisible by 5?
   e. Which numbers are divisible by 15?
   f. Which numbers are divisible by 4?

6. 112 tulip bulbs are to be planted in parallel rows in a garden. Describe all possible arrangements of the bulbs if they are to be planted in straight rows with an equal number of bulbs per row.

7. Ten tulip bulbs are to planted so that there will be exactly five rows with four bulbs in each row. Draw a diagram of this arrangement.

8. Which of the following numbers are divisible by 2?

   a. 1111_{ten}
   c. 1111_{six}
   b. 1111_{seven}
   d. 1111_{three}

Chapter 8

DECIMALS, RATIOS, AND PERCENTS

Introduction

By the time that a youngster reaches the seventh grade, he should have been exposed to the fundamental operations with decimals. Quite often he will be familiar with the algorithms but not with their rationale. Thus, he may know how to "shift" decimal points in division, but still have no idea why he is doing so.

Consequently, the first objective in presenting a unit on decimals in grade seven is to review the fundamental operations in terms of their basic meanings and rationale. This proves to be a non-trivial task, inasmuch as seventh graders all too often feel that they know everything they should or wish to know about decimals, at least insofar as the mechanics are involved. They do not look with favor upon what they consider to be a review of elementary mathematics. It will, therefore, take "salesmanship" to convince them of the importance of understanding what they are doing.

A second major objective for teaching a unit on decimals is that the development of the set of real numbers, together with its properties, is best accomplished through a discussion of decimals. In Chapters 5-7 we have developed the number system through the set of rationals. In this chapter and the next we shall use decimals to explore some of the properties of the set of real numbers.

There are numerous social applications of decimals and percents that can be introduced by the teacher, although most texts now tend to place less emphasis on such applications than has been the case in the past.

We should note here that various textbooks differ on the language that is used to discuss decimals. For example, although some texts refer to "decimal fractions," this terminology will be avoided here.

8.1 Decimal Notation

The notation commonly used for decimals is merely a matter of convenience. Actually, we could have managed if decimals had never been invented, but it would have been far more difficult to compute than is now the case. We also need decimals to help satisfy the demands of the real world. Thus, the experimental scientist does not work with numbers like π and $\sqrt{2}$, but rather with such rational approximations of these numbers as 3.1416 and 1.4142 .

The history of the development of fractions is an interesting one. The ancient Egyptians, for example, wrote all of their fractions as the sum of unit fractions; that is, as fractions with 1 as numerator. (The only exception was the fraction $\frac{2}{3}$ for which a special symbol was used.) For example, they wrote:

two-sevenths as $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{28}$ instead of $\frac{2}{7}$

five-sixths as $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}$ instead of $\frac{5}{6}$

The Rhind Papyrus has a set of tables that show how to express many fractions in terms of unit fractions.

In a sense, our study of decimals begins through an extension of this system. That is, we now wish to represent every fraction in terms of a special set of fractions, namely those with denominators that are powers of ten.

If we consider the set of unit fractions with denominators that are powers of ten, we can see that decimal notation is merely another way of naming the numbers represented by these fractions. For example, we write:

$\frac{1}{10} = .1$ (one-tenth)

$\frac{1}{100} = .01$ (one-hundredth)

$\frac{1}{1000} = .001$ (one-thousandth)

It is important for youngsters to see that $\frac{1}{10}$ and .1 are two different names for the same number; only their form is different. Again note that we could have gone along very well using the fractional forms; the decimal notation is merely a convenience and not a necessity.

It is well to provide seventh graders with an opportunity to write decimals in expanded form, making use of powers of ten and exponents. They have already done so for whole numbers and now should do likewise for decimals. For example:

$$372.4 = (3 \times 10^2) + (7 \times 10^1) + (2 \times 1) + (4 \times \frac{1}{10})$$

$$3.146 = (3 \times 1) + (1 \times \frac{1}{10}) + (4 \times \frac{1}{100}) + (6 \times \frac{1}{1000})$$

$$= (3 \times 1) + (1 \times \frac{1}{10^1}) + (4 \times \frac{1}{10^2}) + (6 \times \frac{1}{10^3}) .$$

The similarity between this last expansion and the corresponding decimal interpretation shown below should be apparent.

$$\begin{array}{rlll}
3. & = 3 \times 1 & = 3 \times 1 \\
.1 & = 1 \times .1 & = 1 \times \frac{1}{10} \\
.04 & = 4 \times .01 & = 4 \times \frac{1}{100} \\
\underline{.006} & = 6 \times .001 & = 6 \times \frac{1}{1000} \\
3.146 & &
\end{array}$$

Recall that the value of the one's place can be written as a power of ten using zero as the exponent.

$$10^0 = 1$$

Thus, if desired, we may write

$$5.67 = (5 \times 10^0) + (6 \times \frac{1}{10^1}) + (7 \times \frac{1}{10^2}) .$$

We can use expanded notation to help us express decimals in fractional form as follows:

a.
$$\begin{aligned}
0.23 &= (2 \times \frac{1}{10}) + (3 \times \frac{1}{100}) \\
&= \frac{2}{10} + \frac{3}{100} \\
&= \frac{20}{100} + \frac{3}{100} \\
&= \frac{23}{100}
\end{aligned}$$

b.
$$\begin{aligned}
0.3146 &= (3 \times \frac{1}{10}) + (1 \times \frac{1}{100}) + (4 \times \frac{1}{1000}) + (6 \times \frac{1}{10000}) \\
&= \frac{3}{10} + \frac{1}{100} + \frac{4}{1000} + \frac{6}{10000} \\
&= \frac{3000}{10000} + \frac{100}{10000} + \frac{40}{10000} + \frac{6}{10000} \\
&= \frac{3146}{10000}
\end{aligned}$$

Again we note that we merely have two different ways of naming the same number. Furthermore, we note that a number written with one decimal place represents "tenths," one with two places represents "hundredths," and so forth.

For better classes this is a good place to introduce the concept of a negative exponent. Consider, for example, the expansion for 0.3146:

$$0.3146 = (3 \times 10^{-1}) + (1 \times 10^{-2}) + (4 \times 10^{-3}) + (6 \times 10^{-4}) .$$

Here we note that

$$10^{-1} = \frac{1}{10}\ ; \quad 10^{-2} = \frac{1}{10^2}\ ; \quad 10^{-3} = \frac{1}{10^3}\ ; \quad 10^{-4} = \frac{1}{10^4}\ .$$

In general, $10^{-n} = \frac{1}{10^n}$, where n is a whole number. (Indeed, it is true for any integer n.)

With this last definition we have now given a meaning to any integer as an exponent, be it positive, zero, or negative. The familiar rules for computing with exponents can now be extended to include all integers as exponents.

For all integers a and b,

$$n^a \times n^b = n^{a+b}$$

$$n^a \div n^b = n^{a-b}\ .$$

This is also an excellent opportunity to extend a student's understanding of decimal notation by considering other base notations as well. The pattern is the same; however, instead of powers of ten, we use powers of whatever base has been employed. Here are several examples of expanded notation in other bases. In each case the numerals in the expansion are written in base ten notation. However, we should be careful not to call the numerals on the left "decimals" since this would imply base ten.

$$243.234_{five} = (2 \times 5^2)+(4 \times 5^1)+(3 \times 1)+(2 \times \frac{1}{5})+(3 \times \frac{1}{5^2})+(4 \times \frac{1}{5^3})$$

$$.4632_{seven} = (4 \times \frac{1}{7}) + (6 \times \frac{1}{7^2}) + (3 \times \frac{1}{7^3}) + (2 \times \frac{1}{7^4})$$

We can express these numerals as base ten numerals merely by completing the indicated computation.

$$\begin{aligned} .342_{five} &= (3 \times \frac{1}{5}) + (4 \times \frac{1}{5^2}) + (2 \times \frac{1}{5^3}) \\ &= \frac{3}{5} + \frac{4}{25} + \frac{2}{125} \\ &= \frac{97}{125} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\frac{97}{125} = \frac{776}{1000}$, we may write:

$$.342_{five} = .776_{ten}$$

Class Exercises

Write each of the following in expanded notation.

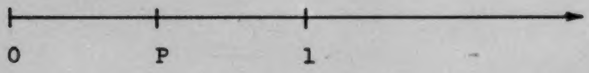
1. 274.58
2. 9.0875
3. 32.41_{five}
4. 2.0416_{seven}

Write as a numeral in base ten notation:

5. $.243_{five}$
6. 32.43_{five}

7. Write each of the following as a power of 2 using negative exponents.
   (a) $\frac{1}{128}$ (b) $\frac{1}{2}$ (c) $\frac{1}{16}$ (d) $\frac{1}{8}$ (e) $\frac{1}{64}$

8. In the following figure the point P indicates the midpoint of the interval from 0 to 1. Name the coordinate of this point with a numeral in:
   (a) base two
   (b) base four
   (c) base eight
   (d) base ten



8.2 Operations with Decimals

Normally one should expect seventh graders to know how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers written as decimals. In grade seven we wish to provide opportunities for the maintenance of skills. At the same time it is important that we stress basic meanings and understandings.

In this section we shall review briefly the manner in which the fundamental operations with decimals may be treated in the seventh grade.

Addition

The distributive property is needed here and should be reviewed first. Recall that this property states that for all numbers a, b, and c, we have:

$$a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$$

Now suppose we wish to add two numbers written in decimal form; for example, 0.23 + 0.64 . Certainly the seventh grader will know that one needs to "line up" the decimal points and add, but may not know why we proceed in this manner. We can justify this process by expressing the numbers in fractional form and then using the distributive property.

$$0.23 = \frac{23}{100} = 23 \times \frac{1}{100} \qquad \text{and} \qquad 0.64 = \frac{64}{100} = 64 \times \frac{1}{100}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} 0.23 + 0.64 &= (23 \times \frac{1}{100}) + (64 \times \frac{1}{100}) \\ &= (23 + 64) \times \frac{1}{100} \\ &= 87 \times \frac{1}{100} \\ &= \frac{87}{100} \\ &= 0.87 \; . \end{aligned}$$

We then show that this same result can be obtained far more conveniently by writing one numeral below the other.

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.23 \\ \underline{0.64} \\ 0.87 \end{array}$$

In this form we are adding the number in the $\frac{1}{10}$ place in the first addend to the number in the $\frac{1}{10}$ place in the second addend, and so on. That is:

$$\begin{aligned} 0.23 &= (2 \times \frac{1}{10}) + (3 \times \frac{1}{100}) \\ 0.64 &= (6 \times \frac{1}{10}) + (4 \times \frac{1}{100}) \\ 0.23 + 0.64 &= (2 \times \frac{1}{10}) + (6 \times \frac{1}{10}) + (3 \times \frac{1}{100}) + (4 \times \frac{1}{100}) \\ &= (2 + 6) \times \frac{1}{10} + (3 + 4) \times \frac{1}{100} \\ &= (8 \times \frac{1}{10}) + (7 \times \frac{1}{100}) \\ &= \frac{8}{10} + \frac{7}{100} \\ &= \frac{80}{100} + \frac{7}{100} \\ &= \frac{87}{100} \\ &= 0.87 \; . \end{aligned}$$

Note how the distributive property has been used twice. We could also have justified the addition in this manner:

$$\begin{aligned} 0.23 + 0.64 &= 23(.01) + 64(.01) \\ &= .01(23 + 64) \\ &= .01(87) = 0.87 \; . \end{aligned}$$

Note that this latter justification implies that we know that the product $.01 \times 87$ is equal to 0.87. However, this can always be explained by returning to fractional notation:

$$\begin{aligned} .01 \times 87 &= \frac{1}{100} \times 87 \\ &= \frac{87}{100} \\ &= 0.87 \quad . \end{aligned}$$

When regrouping ("carrying") is involved, we can justify the usual process as follows:

Procedure:

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.75 \\ +\ 0.50 \\ \hline 1.25 \end{array}$$

Justification:

$$\begin{aligned} 0.75 + 0.50 &= (75 \times \frac{1}{100}) + (50 \times \frac{1}{100}) \\ &= (75 + 50) \times \frac{1}{100} \\ &= (125) \times \frac{1}{100} \\ &= \frac{125}{100} \\ &= \frac{100}{100} + \frac{25}{100} \\ &= 1 + \frac{25}{100} \\ &= 1.25 \end{aligned}$$

Subtraction

The subtraction process can be justified in much the same manner as addition and therefore need not be explored in great detail. For example:

$$\begin{aligned} 0.82 - 0.37 &= (82 \times \frac{1}{100}) - (37 \times \frac{1}{100}) \\ &= (82 - 37) \times \frac{1}{100} \\ &= 45 \times \frac{1}{100} \\ &= \frac{45}{100} \\ &= 0.45 \quad . \end{aligned}$$

Again, the development makes use of the distributive property.

Using fractions, the rationale of the subtraction process can be illustrated as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.82 \\ -\ 0.37 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} \frac{8}{10}+\frac{2}{100} \\ -\frac{3}{10}-\frac{7}{100} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$= \begin{array}{r} \frac{7}{10}+\frac{1}{10}+\frac{2}{100} \\ -\frac{3}{10}\quad-\quad\frac{7}{100} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$= \begin{array}{r} \frac{7}{10}+\frac{10}{100}+\frac{2}{100} \\ -\frac{3}{10}\quad-\quad\frac{7}{100} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$= \begin{array}{r} \frac{7}{10}+\frac{12}{100} \\ -\frac{3}{10}-\frac{7}{100} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{4}{10}+\frac{5}{100} = \frac{40}{100}+\frac{5}{100} = \frac{45}{100} = 0.45\ .$$

Multiplication

The process of multiplication with decimals may also be developed through the use of fractions. Again, it is important to realize that decimal notation is merely a convenience, not a necessity, and that we could get along quite well using only fractions. For example, let us consider the product 0.3×0.25 in fractional form:

$$\begin{aligned} 0.3 \times 0.25 &= (3 \times \tfrac{1}{10}) \times (25 \times \tfrac{1}{10^2}) \\ &= (3 \times 25) \times (\tfrac{1}{10} \times \tfrac{1}{10^2}) \\ &= 75 \times (\tfrac{1}{10^3}) \\ &= 0.075\ . \end{aligned}$$

Notice the use of the associative and commutative property of multiplication in going from the first to the second step.

When we see multiplication of decimals worked out in fractional form we begin to see why we add the number of decimal places in the two factors in order to find the number of decimal places in the product. In the preceding example we multiplied a number expressed in tenths by one expressed in hundredths. In fractional form we found the product:

$$\frac{1}{10^1} \times \frac{1}{10^2} = \frac{1}{10^3} .$$

This suggests the reason for the usual rule of adding the number of decimal places; we are, in reality, adding exponents that are powers of 10. It may be helpful to see this process using negative exponents.

$$\begin{aligned} 0.3 \times 0.25 &= (3 \times 10^{-1}) \times (25 \times 10^{-2}) \\ &= (3 \times 25) \times (10^{-1} \times 10^{-2}) \\ &= 75 \times 10^{-3} \\ &= 0.075 \end{aligned}$$

We need to be careful, however, in our treatment of zeros. Thus, according to the preceding discussion, 0.4×0.75 produces a product expressed in thousandths.

$$\begin{aligned} 0.4 \times 0.75 &= (4 \times \tfrac{1}{10}) \times (75 \times \tfrac{1}{100}) \\ &= (4 \times 75) \times (\tfrac{1}{10} \times \tfrac{1}{10^2}) \\ &= 300 \times (\tfrac{1}{10^3}) \\ &= 0.300 \end{aligned}$$

However, we usually express this product as 0.3; that is:

$$\begin{aligned} 0.300 &= \frac{300}{1000} \\ &= \frac{3}{10} \\ &= 0.3 . \end{aligned}$$

Class Exercises

9. Find the sum $0.45 + 0.83$ by using the fractional approach given in this section.

10. Find the difference $0.58 - 0.29$ by using the fractional approach.

11. Find the product 0.23×0.45 by using
    (a) a fractional approach;
    (b) negative exponents.

Division

The approach to division with decimals should also be built upon the assumption that the seventh grader has been exposed to the topic, but needs a fresh look at the rationale of the process as well as practice with the operation. We may begin by assuming that the student knows how to divide with whole numbers. Therefore, if we are able to legitimately convert a division problem that involves decimals to an equivalent one involving whole numbers, then we shall be in good shape. Consider, for example, the quotient $53.75 \div 0.5$. Written in fractional form we have:

$$53.75 \div 0.5 \longrightarrow \frac{53.75}{0.5} .$$

Now we multiply this fraction by $\frac{100}{100}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{53.75}{0.5} \times \frac{100}{100} &= \frac{53.75 \times 100}{0.5 \times 100} \\ &= \frac{5375}{50} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, our division problem is reduced to one that involves whole numbers only. We divide and find our quotient to be $107\frac{1}{2}$, or 107.5:

$$0.5\overline{\smash{)}53.75} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{r} 107 \\ 50\overline{\smash{)}5375} \\ \underline{50} \\ 375 \\ \underline{350} \\ 25 \end{array}$$

$$53.75 \div 0.5 = 107\frac{25}{50} = 107.5 .$$

From our knowledge of multiplication of decimals, we can check the division by verifying that $0.5 \times 107.5 = 53.75$.

We then proceed to shorten this process somewhat by "shifting" the decimal point so that only the divisor is a whole number:

$$0.5\overline{)53.75} \longrightarrow 5\overline{)537.5}\ .$$

This is legitimate in that we are really multiplying both dividend and divisor by 10. That is:

$$\frac{53.75}{0.5} \times \frac{10}{10} = \frac{537.5}{5}\ .$$

Now all we need to justify is the location of the decimal point in the quotient. We do so by noting that when the divisor is a whole number, then the dividend and the quotient must have the same number of decimal places. (This follows from the fact that the product of the quotient and the divisor gives the dividend.) Since our revised dividend is expressed in tenths, then the quotient must also be in tenths. By placing the decimal point of the quotient directly above that of the dividend, we locate the decimal point of the quotient automatically in the correct place.

As with multiplication, we need to be careful with zeros in the dividend when locating the decimal point using the method just given. For example, if in the previous example the divisor were 0.4, then we would have

$$0.4\overline{)53.75} \longrightarrow 4\overline{)537.5} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{r} 134.375 \\ 4\overline{)537.500} \end{array}\ .$$

Here the quotient has the same number of decimal places as the dividend only after zeros have been affixed to the dividend.

An alternate explanation to division with decimals that you, the teacher, may appreciate is based upon the equation showing that the product of the quotient and the divisor gives the dividend. It parallels closely the first method shown above.

$$\begin{array}{rrcl} \begin{array}{r} n \\ 0.5\overline{)53.75} \end{array} \longrightarrow & 0.5n & = & 53.75 \\ \text{Multiply by } 100\text{:} & 50n & = & 5375 \\ & 5(10n) & = & 5375 \\ \text{Divide by } 5\text{:} & 10n & = & 1075 \end{array}$$

However, this answer, 1075, is ten times as large as we wish. Therefore, the quotient must be $1075 \div 10$; that is, $n = 107.5$.

Exploration of the division process in terms of exponential notation is also revealing. For example, note how we may divide 0.125 by 0.5 :

$$\begin{aligned} 0.125 \div 0.5 &= \frac{125}{10^3} \div \frac{5}{10^1} \\ &= \frac{125}{10^3} \cdot \frac{10^1}{5} \\ &= \frac{125}{5} \cdot \frac{10^1}{10^3} \\ &= 25 \cdot \frac{1}{10^2} \\ &= 0.25 \quad . \end{aligned}$$

Here is a good place to give special attention and emphasis to estimation of answers. This should serve to prevent many errors in location of decimal points. The youngster who recognizes that $21.75 \div 5$ is approximately 4, will then realize that the decimal point in the quotient should be located as 4.35 .

This completes our discussion on operations with decimals. In the next chapter we will look again at decimals and see how they can be used in developing the set of real numbers.

Class Exercises

12. Find the quotient $0.65 \div 2.5$ by
    (a) the equation approach as given in this section;
    (b) use of an equivalent problem involving a divisor that is a whole number.

8.3 Ratio and Proportion

A ratio is used to compare two numbers. When we speak of the ratio of two numbers, we are referring to their relative sizes. Thus, if two numbers are in the ratio of 2 to 3, the first is two-thirds as large as the second. If the number of elements in two sets is in the ratio 2 to 3, then every two elements of the first correspond to three elements of the second. This ratio is sometimes written as 2:3 . The ratio indicates a correspondence between the numbers 2 and 3. How many other pairs of numbers have this same correspondence? Some of them are

4 and 6
6 and 9
20 and 30
24 and 36 .

Indeed, we have an unlimited choice of ordered pairs of numbers that have the same correspondence or ratio. In general, any ordered pair of the form $2k$ and $3k$, k a counting number, are in the same ratio, 2 to 3. Notice that we refer to these as "ordered" pairs of numbers. Changing the order of the two numbers compared changes their ratio. Thus, while 4 to 6 represents the same ratio as 2 to 3, 6 to 4 does not. The only case where this does not happen is when a number is compared with itself. For example, 40 to 40, 70 to 70, and 257 to 257 all represent the same ratio as 1 to 1.

Since many ordered pairs of numbers may be in the same ratio, it is common to express them in "reduced" form. This requires dividing each number by the greatest common factor. Thus, ratios such as

160 to 4
400 to 10
800 to 20
1600 to 40

are usually written as 40 to 1.

We frequently use ratios, which are comparisons between numbers, when comparing quantities such as distance in miles and time in hours. For example, using the figures above a person who travels 160 miles in 4 hours averages the same rate as one traveling 400 miles in 10 hours or 800 miles in 20 hours. In each case the ratio of the *number* of miles traveled to the *number* of hours spent traveling is 40 to 1. Using this ratio, it is likely that each will describe his rate as 40 miles per 1 hour or simply as 40 mph.

In the formula $d = rt$, we find that r equals the ratio of d to t where again the variables represent only numbers. Thus, we write

$$r = \frac{d}{t} .$$

This indicates a fairly common practice of using fractional notation to represent a ratio. In general, the ratio a to b $(b \neq 0)$ is written either $a:b$ or $\frac{a}{b}$. Every rational number can be thought of as a ratio. This again emphasizes the interpretation of a fraction as an ordered pair of numbers.

If we have two pairs of numbers which represent the same ratio, such as 2 to 3 or 4 to 6, we may write

$$2:3 = 4:6$$

or

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{6} .$$

Such a statement of the indicated equality of two ratios is called a proportion.

How can we tell if two ratios are the same? For example, do $\frac{6}{18}$ and $\frac{8}{32}$ represent the same ratio? The ratio of $\frac{6}{18}$ is the same as $\frac{1}{3}$, 1 number in the first set for every 3 in the second. The ratio $\frac{8}{32}$ is the same as $\frac{1}{4}$, 1 member in the first set for every 4 in the second. Clearly these describe different correspondences and we conclude that $\frac{6}{18}$ and $\frac{8}{32}$ do not represent the same ratios.

Treating ratios as rational numbers we can compare them using the property:

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \text{ if and only if } ad = bc.$$

In the example we find $6 \times 32 \neq 18 \times 8$ and thus conclude that the ratios are not equal $(\frac{6}{18} \neq \frac{8}{32})$.

We are often confronted with finding the fourth member in two pairs of numbers which name the same ratio. For example, for what value of d will the ratios $\frac{3}{5}$ and $\frac{6}{d}$ be the same? The problem becomes one of finding a replacement for d that makes the following true:

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{6}{d}.$$

The solution can readily be found from the corresponding equation

$$3d = 5 \cdot 6.$$

You know of the many applications of proportion and we will not dwell on them here. Proportion is also an excellent way to approach percent, as we will do in the next section. As some simple proportion problems, let us solve the following:

1. If the ratio of department head's salary to a teacher's salary is 11 to 10, what increase could a teacher with a salary of $7600 expect if promoted to department head?

   Solution: Here the proportion is

   $$\frac{11}{10} = \frac{s}{7600}.$$

   Using the condition for equality we have

   $$\begin{aligned} 10 \cdot s &= 11 \cdot 7600 \\ 10s &= 83600 \\ s &= 8360. \end{aligned}$$

   Thus, the increase is $760.

2. If the ratio of the football coach's salary to a teacher's salary is 115 to 100, what increase could the same teacher expect if assigned as coach?

   Solution:

$$\frac{115}{100} = \frac{s}{7600}$$

$$100s = 115 \cdot 7600$$

$$s = 8740.$$

   Thus, the increase is \$1140.

The important point here (apart from the salary problem) is the method of solution. It is a general method of solution and is applied in all problem situations of this nature.

Class Exercises

13. You have just finished Chapter 7 in a book of 14 chapters. What is the ratio of the chapters finished to the total number of chapters? What is the ratio of chapters remaining to those finished?

14. Find N in the following proportions:

    (a) $\frac{4}{N} = \frac{12}{15}$ (c) $\frac{N}{5} = \frac{5}{7}$

    (b) $\frac{2}{7} = \frac{N}{49}$ (d) $\frac{6}{2} = \frac{N}{5}$

15. If the ratio of cats to dogs in a certain city is 4 to 3, i.e., $\frac{4}{3}$, how many cats are there to go with the 3663 dogs?

16. In a certain city people are fond of a drink made of two ingredients in a ratio of 3 to 2 (sometimes 3 to 1 or even 4 to 1). How much of the second ingredient should be used to go with 32 ounces of the first ingredient (using the 3 to 2 ratio)?

8.4 Percent

One of the important topics of junior high school mathematics is percent. Yet many students find it either confusing or just plain boring. Part of this reaction has come from the teacher's lack of knowledge concerning the relationship of percent to the rational numbers and mathematics in general. The other part comes from attention to applications of percent valuable to the adult but simply not meaningful or significant to the junior high school student.

The recent approach to the teaching of percent focuses more attention on percent as a way of comparing numbers, as a form of a ratio, as a form of a rational number, while minimizing the usual attention given to applications.

There is nothing mysterious about percents. The word "percent" means hundredths. The symbol "%" is used for convenience and offers a short way of saying "times $\frac{1}{100}$." Thus, 48 percent means

$$48\% = \frac{48}{100} = 48 \cdot \frac{1}{100} .$$

As a ratio 48% compares 48 to 100. Other ratios such as 24 to 50 and 12 to 25 are equal to the ratio 48 to 100 and hence may also be expressed as 48%. While the percent notation is very common and frequently used to express the ratio between two numbers, it is not used directly in calculation. To compute with 48%, the percent must first be expressed either as a fraction or as a decimal. To express 48% as a simplified fraction, first write it as a fraction with denominator 100. Then by use of the greatest common factor in numerator and denominator, simplify the fraction:

$$48\% = \frac{48}{100} = \frac{12 \cdot 4}{25 \cdot 4} = \frac{12}{25} \cdot \frac{4}{4} = \frac{12}{25} .$$

To express 48% as a decimal, first express it as a fraction with denominator 100.

$$48\% = \frac{48}{100} = .48$$

To represent a fraction such as $\frac{1}{6}$ as a percent we need to find the number $\underline{c}$ such that

$$\frac{1}{6} = \frac{c}{100} .$$

We know that we can rewrite the above proportion as the equation

$$1 \cdot 100 = 6 \cdot c .$$

Since $6c = 100$, $c = 16\frac{2}{3}$. Thus,

$$\frac{1}{6} = \frac{16\frac{2}{3}}{100} = 16\frac{2}{3}\% .$$

In general, any given ratio, $\frac{a}{b}$, can be expressed as a percent by finding the number $\underline{c}$ such that $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{100}$. The expression $\frac{c}{100}$ means the same as $c \cdot \frac{1}{100}$ or $c\%$.

This development illustrates the role of proportion in percent problems. Many new textbooks including the SMSG Mathematics for Junior High School present percents exclusively through the use of proportions. This generally helps to make the subject clearer to the student. However, students need to master and memorize many of the simpler percent conversions at the junior high level. This requires repeated oral drill and review of the decimal and percent forms of rational numbers like

$$\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{12}, \frac{1}{20}, \frac{1}{40} .$$

As we insist that students memorize the multiplication table as well as know how to multiply, so should we require the student to memorize basic equivalent forms of percents, decimals, and fractions as well as know how to solve percent problems through proportions.

In the past, many 7th grade books have treated percent in great detail by classifying all problems into three cases. The "three cases" of percent have been overdone and in most new books this treatment is either reduced or not found at all. All "three cases" may be handled the same way, by writing a proportion with one denominator equal to 100 and finding the missing number. Examples follow to illustrate the procedure..

1. If 28 out of 40 transistors failed to meet the specifications for heat sensitivity, what percent of the transistors are defective?

   Solution: Since the total number is 40 and the number defective is 28, the proportion is

   $$\frac{28}{40} = \frac{c}{100}$$

   so that $40c = 2800$

   $$c = 70 .$$

   Thus 70% are defective.

2. If Janice needed \$70 for a cheerleading outfit and earned 92% of the total by babysitting, how much money did she earn?

   Solution: Here we know both the percent and the total, so that our proportion is

   $$\frac{a}{70} = \frac{92}{100}$$

   and $a = \frac{92 \cdot 70}{100}$

   $$a = 64.40$$

   Thus, Janice earned \$64.40 .

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3. In a box of ballbearings, 11 are rejected by an inspector as being faulty. If this represents 44% of the total production, how many were produced?

Solution: In this case we know the percent and the part or number rejected, so our proportion is

$$\frac{11}{b} = \frac{44}{100}$$

$$44b = 1100$$

$$b = 25 \;.$$

Experienced teachers will recognize each of the above problems as one of the "three cases" of percent. Notice how all three are treated the same way through the use of proportions. With experience students will begin to shortcut writing the proportion, but at the beginning this approach is a simple one for the students to master. Much of the rationale for this work has already been done in the treatment of rationals and decimals, so that most of the material is not new.

One shortcut in writing the proportion is to replace the percent $(\frac{c}{100})$ by an equivalent decimal or simplified fraction. This can be easily done once the students have developed skill in recognizing the relationship among the percents, decimals, and fractional forms of rational numbers. This shortcut replaces the proportion with the familiar formula

$$p = r \times b.$$

The variables p, r, and b represent numbers:

r is the rate or percent;
b is the base or number on which a rate is applied;
p is the percentage or part of the base determined by the rate.

Notice that the term "percentage" has a meaning quite distinct from "percent".

Again percent problems should not be classed into three cases but all solved directly from the same formula, $p = r \times b$. In this form the three examples just given are expressed as follows:

1. $$p = r \times b$$ $$28 = r \times 40$$ $$r = 70\%$$

2. $$p = r \times b$$ $$p = \frac{92}{100} \times 70$$ $$p = 64.40$$

3. $$p = r \times b$$ $$11 = \frac{44}{100} \times b$$ $$b = 25$$

If the student is first introduced to the solving of percent problems through the use of proportions, there is less chance that he will have difficulty identifying the percentage and the base properly when using the equation form.

Class Exercises

17. Write each of the following as a percent:

(a) $\frac{1}{5}$ (c). $\frac{1}{40}$

(b) $\frac{1}{25}$ (d) $\frac{200}{4}$

18. Find the fraction which corresponds to each of the following percents:

(a) $37\frac{1}{2}$ % (c) 26%

(b) $\frac{1}{4}$ % (d) 5.125%

19. Changes are often given in terms of percent in order to provide a standard for comparison. Thus, terms such as "an increase of 25%" or "a 10% decrease" are encountered. Students sometimes have difficulty in setting up the appropriate proportion. The change in either case is expressed as a part of the original quantity. Thus, a salary of \$4.40 per hour reflects a 10% increase over a salary of \$4.00 per hour.

If a person receives an 8% pay cut during a "retrenchment" and later receives an 8% increase, how does his final salary compare with his original salary?

20. If a book is printed by a photographic process which reduces the original by 15%, how long should a segment be if it is to be $4\frac{1}{4}$" in the finished book?

Students are frequently troubled with percents less than 1% and greater than 100%. If percents have been introduced as another way of representing a ratio or fractional name for a rational number, then students should have little difficulty with these special percents. Indeed, there is nothing special about them; they carry exactly the same meaning as percents from 1% to 100% and they are used in operations in exactly the same way. Recalling the definition of percent, we can write

$$\frac{1}{2}\% = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1\% = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{100} = \frac{1}{200} .$$

Similarly,

$$150\% = 150 \cdot 1\% = 150 \cdot \frac{1}{100} = \frac{150}{100} = \frac{3}{2} .$$

Writing a numeral such as $\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{8}$ as a percent poses certain problems. Primarily, these are problems of form in notation rather than anything else. Thus, writing $\frac{1}{8}$ as a percent gives

$$\frac{1}{8} = \frac{c}{100}$$

or

$$c = 12\frac{1}{2} .$$

We may write $12\frac{1}{2}\%$, or $\frac{12\frac{1}{2}}{100}$, which is awkward and clumsy, or 0.125 . The last form is probably the most useful for calculations.

A similar problem arises when we write $\frac{1}{3}$ as a percent.

$$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{c}{100}$$

or

$$c = 33\frac{1}{3}$$

Here again we have alternate forms for expressing the result. We may write $33\frac{1}{3}\%$, $\frac{33\frac{1}{3}}{100}$, $.33\frac{1}{3}$, or $.33\overline{3}\ldots$ as the resulting percent. More attention will be given to repeating decimals like $.33\overline{3}\ldots$ in the next chapter.

This chapter has dealt with several topics, some of which appear in any seventh grade book whereas others are found only in newer texts. The discussion of ratio and percent was brief, being related to the previous work on rational numbers and decimals. Presentation of these topics in the classroom is probably best done with the same approach, rather than treating them as completely separate entities that are new in all respects. Using the student's background in these areas makes the topics easier to teach, learn, and recall.

Answers to Class Exercises

1. $(2 \times 10^2) + (7 \times 10) + (4 \times 1) + (5 \times \frac{1}{10}) + (8 \times \frac{1}{10^2})$

2. $(9 \times 1) + (0 \times \frac{1}{10}) + (8 \times \frac{1}{10^2}) + (7 \times \frac{1}{10^3}) + (5 \times \frac{1}{10^4})$

3. $(3 \times 5) + (2 \times 1) + (4 \times \frac{1}{5}) + (1 \times \frac{1}{5^2})$

4. $(2 \times 1) + (0 \times \frac{1}{7}) + (4 \times \frac{1}{7^2}) + (1 \times \frac{1}{7^3}) + (6 \times \frac{1}{7^4})$

5. 0.584 6. 17.92

7. (a) 2^{-7} (b) 2^{-1} (c) 2^{-4} (d) 2^{-3} (e) 2^{-6}

8. (a) $.1_{two}$ (b) $.2_{four}$ (c) $.4_{eight}$ (d) $.5_{ten}$

9.
$$\begin{aligned}0.45 + 0.83 &= (45 \times \frac{1}{100}) + (83 \times \frac{1}{100})\\ &= (45 + 83) \times \frac{1}{100}\\ &= 128 \times \frac{1}{100}\\ &= \frac{128}{100}\\ &= \frac{100}{100} + \frac{28}{100}\\ &= 1.28\end{aligned}$$

10.
$$\begin{aligned}0.58 - 0.29 &= (58 \times \frac{1}{100}) - (29 \times \frac{1}{100})\\ &= (58 - 29) \times \frac{1}{100}\\ &= 29 \times \frac{1}{100}\\ &= \frac{29}{100}\\ &= 0.29\end{aligned}$$

11. (a)
$$\begin{aligned}0.23 \times 0.45 &= (23 \times \frac{1}{10^2}) \times (45 \times \frac{1}{10^2})\\ &= (23 \times 45) \times (\frac{1}{10^2} \times \frac{1}{10^2})\\ &= 1035 \times \frac{1}{10^4}\\ &= 0.1035\end{aligned}$$

(b)
$$\begin{aligned}0.23 \times 0.45 &= (23 \times 10^{-2}) \times (45 \times 10^{-2})\\ &= (23 \times 45) \times (10^{-2} \times 10^{-2})\\ &= 1035 \times 10^{-4}\\ &= 0.1035\end{aligned}$$

12. (a) $2.5\,\overset{n}{\overline{)0.65}} \longrightarrow 2.5\,n = 0.65$

$$\begin{aligned} 250\,n &= 65 \\ 1000\,n &= 260 \\ n &= .26 \end{aligned}$$

(b) $2.5\,\overline{)0.65} \longrightarrow 25\,\overline{)6.5} \longrightarrow 25\,\overset{.26}{\overline{)6.50}}$

13. 1 to 2; 1 to 1 .

14. (a) 5 (b) 14 (c) $\frac{25}{7}$ (d) 15

15. 4884

16. $21\frac{1}{3}$ oz.

17. (a) 20% (b) 4% (c) $2\frac{1}{2}$% (d) 5000%

18. (a) $\frac{3}{8}$ (b) $\frac{1}{400}$ (c) $\frac{13}{50}$ (d) $\frac{41}{800}$

19. The salary will drop to 92% of the original salary and then be increased by 8% or an additional 7.36%, to end up as 99.36 of the original. As an example a salary of \$1000 would be \$920% with an 8% decrease. To increase this salary by 8% we take 8% of \$920 or \$73.60 so that the final salary is only \$993.60 .

20. 5 inches

Chapter Exercises

1. Write each of the following in expanded notation.

   (a) 32.785 (b) 42.341_{five}

2. Which of the following statements are true?

   (a) $3^{-1} = \frac{1}{3}$ (d) $\frac{1}{64} = 2^{-5}$

   (b) $7^0 = 0$ (e) $3^{-3} < 3^{-4}$

   (c) $5^{-3} = \frac{1}{125}$ (f) $4^2 > \frac{1}{4^{-2}}$

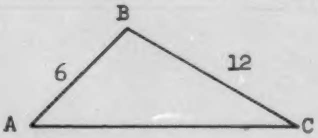
3. Using the fractional approach given in this chapter, evaluate each of the following:

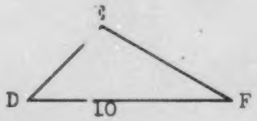
   (a) $0.27 + 0.47$ (b) 0.4×0.37

4. Find N in each of the following proportions:

   (a) $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{N}{7}$ (b) $\frac{5}{6} = \frac{6}{N}$

5. If two triangles have the same shape, we say that they are similar. We define similar triangles to be triangles with corresponding angles congruent and corresponding sides proportional. If $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$ are similar with the ratio of corresponding sides 3 to 2, find all sides if $AB = 6$, $BC = 12$, and $DF = 10$.





6. Write each of the following as a percent.

   (a) 10 (b) 1 (c) $\frac{1}{10}$ (d) $\frac{1}{100}$ (e) $\frac{1}{1000}$

7. Let $A = 15$ and $B = 20$.

   (a) A is what percent of B?

   (b) B is what percent of B?

   (c) A is what percent of their sum?

   (d) B is what percent of their product?

   (e) Their difference is what percent of their product?

Chapter 9

The Real Number System

Introduction

This chapter will complete our development of the real number system as it should be seen by the junior high school student. All too frequently, students at this level fail to see the complete picture of the real number system and hence enter into algebra with certain gaps in their background.

9.1 Reviewing Properties of the Rational Number System

In the past chapters we have developed the properties of the rational number system. All solutions to equations of the form $bx = a$, a and b counting numbers, are positive rational numbers. With their opposites (negatives) and zero, they form the complete set of rational numbers.

Likewise, we noted that every rational number can be named by a fraction in the form $\frac{p}{q}$ where p and q are integers, $q \neq 0$.

You already have observed the familiar properties for rational numbers, which may be summarized as follows:

Closure: If a and b are rational numbers, then $a + b$ is a rational number, $a \cdot b$ (more commonly written ab) is a rational number, $a - b$ is a rational number, and $\frac{a}{b}$ is a rational number if $b \neq 0$.

Commutativity: If a and b are rational numbers, then $a + b = b + a$, and $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$, $(ab = ba)$.

Associativity: If a, b, and c are rational numbers, then $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$, and $a(bc) = (ab)c$.

Identities: There is a rational number zero such that if a is a rational number, then $a + 0 = 0 + a = a$. There is a rational number 1 such that $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a$.

Distributivity: If a, b, and c are rational numbers, then $a(b + c) = ab + ac$.

Additive inverse: If a is a rational number, then there is a rational number (^-a) such that $a + (^-a) = 0$.

Multiplicative inverse: If a is a rational number and $a \neq 0$, then there is a rational number b such that $ab = 1$.

Order: If a and b are different rational numbers, then either $a > b$, or $a < b$.

9.2 Repeating Decimals

Let us look once again at the use of decimals in representing rational numbers. The counting numbers, which form a subset of the set of rational numbers, are expressed in decimal form simply as

$$1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, \ldots$$

Other positive rational numbers written in fractional form can readily be represented as decimals. If a fraction has a denominator that is a power of ten, it is easy to write the fraction as a decimal because our decimal system of notation is based on powers of ten. For example:

$$\frac{3}{10} = 0.3 \qquad \frac{37}{100} = 0.37 \qquad \frac{253}{1000} = 0.253$$

If the denominator of a fraction is not a power of ten, the fraction can often be changed to an equivalent one whose denominator is a power of ten. For example:

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{6}{10} = 0.6 \qquad \frac{1}{8} = \frac{125}{1000} = 0.125$$

On the other hand, a fraction like $\frac{1}{7}$ cannot be written with a denominator that is a power of ten and a numerator that is a counting number. To show that this cannot be done, suppose for a moment we assume that we can write such an equivalent fraction. If such a fraction does exist, then we would have two ways of naming the number one-seventh and we could write

$$\frac{1}{7} = \frac{a}{10^n}$$

where a is a counting number and n indicates the power of ten. Using the property that if $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$, then $ad = bc$, we get

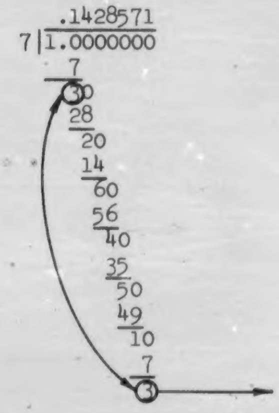
$$1 \cdot 10^n = 7 \cdot a \quad .$$

Now 10 can be factored as $2 \cdot 5$, so $10^n = (2 \cdot 5)^n = 2^n \cdot 5^n$. Thus we can write

$$1 \cdot 2^n \cdot 5^n = 7 \cdot a \quad .$$

The expressions on the left and the right of the equation represent two factorizations of the same number. One involves the prime factor 7; the other does not. But this is impossible since the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic says that a number has exactly one unique prime factorization. Therefore, we conclude that our original assumption is false, and that $\frac{1}{7}$ cannot be expressed as a fraction with a denominator that is a power of ten and a numerator that is a whole number.

We can, of course, express $\frac{1}{7}$ in decimal form by dividing the numerator 1 by the denominator 7. We already know that at no stage in the division can we have a 0 remainder because this implies that we can write $\frac{1}{7}$ as a fraction with a denominator that is a power of 10. Therefore, as we divide, there are only six remainders possible, (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6). As soon as one of these numbers appears for a second time, the sequence of digits in the quotient will repeat.



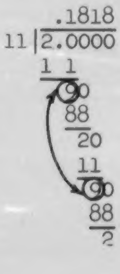
This is the same as the first remainder.

At this point the sequence of digits 142857 begins to repeat itself in the quotient and will continue to repeat indefinitely. The quotient is usually written in the following form.

$$\frac{1}{7} = 0.142857\overline{142857} \ldots$$

The bar (vinculum) over the sequence 142857 indicates the set of digits that repeats. The three dots indicate that the pattern repeats indefinitely.

Note that the sequence of digits started to repeat in the quotient as soon as one of six possible remainders appeared for the second time. This does not imply that all possible remainders must appear. Consider, for example, the decimal representation for $\frac{2}{11}$. Here the set of possible remainders contains ten elements, however, the repetition begins after only two of these remainders are used.



$$\frac{2}{11} = 0.18\overline{18} \ldots$$

Other examples of this notation for repeating decimals are given here.

$$\frac{1}{9} = .11\overline{1} \ldots , \quad \frac{3}{13} = .230769\overline{230769} \ldots , \quad \frac{1}{999} = .001\overline{001} \ldots$$

The symbolism adopted for repeating decimals can be used for all decimal expansions of rational numbers. For example, we may write

$$\frac{3}{5} = 0.6 = 0.60\overline{0} \ldots$$

$$\frac{1}{8} = 0.125 = 0.1250\overline{0} \ldots$$

In this sense we can then say that every rational number can be expressed as a repeating decimal, often called a periodic decimal. Some of these, as $\frac{3}{5}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ above, will repeat only zeros. These are frequently called "terminating" in the sense that the repeating zero need not be written in the decimal.

How can we tell when a fraction $\frac{p}{q}$ can be written as a fraction with a denominator that is a power of ten? These are the fractions that have terminating decimal forms, that repeat zeros only. We start with the rational number $\frac{p}{q}$, p and q relatively prime. That is, let $\frac{p}{q}$ be in lowest terms.

First let us note, intuitively, that if a fraction has a denominator that can be written as the product of a power of 2 and/or a power of 5, then it can be expressed as a power of 10. Here are some examples:

1. $\frac{13}{40} = \frac{13}{2^3 \cdot 5} \cdot \frac{5^2}{5^2} = \frac{13 \cdot 5^2}{2^3 \cdot 5^3} = \frac{325}{(2 \cdot 5)^3} = \frac{325}{10^3} = \frac{325}{1000}$

2. $\frac{173}{2500} = \frac{173}{2^2 \cdot 5^4} \cdot \frac{2^2}{2^2} = \frac{692}{2^4 \cdot 5^4} = \frac{692}{(2 \cdot 5)^4} = \frac{692}{10^4} = \frac{692}{10000}$

In other words, we can multiply by appropriate powers of 2 and 5 in order to produce a denominator that is a power of 10.

In general, we wish to see which rational numbers $\frac{p}{q}$ can be written in the form $\frac{N}{10^K}$, where N and K are counting numbers. Let us assume we have the following:

$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{N}{10^K} .$$

Therefore, $$q \cdot N = p \cdot 10^K$$

and $$N = \frac{p \cdot 10^K}{q}$$

Now since p and q are relatively prime, q does not divide p, and must therefore divide 10^K. But the only possible factors of 10^K are numbers that are powers of 2 or 5. Thus we may conclude that the rational

..umber $\frac{p}{q}$ can be written as a fraction with denominator that is a power of 10 if and only if the denominator q can be expressed in the form $q = 2^m \cdot 5^n$, m and n whole numbers.

Class Exercises

1. Give the next five digits in each of the following decimal expressions.
   (a) $.27\overline{27}\ldots$ (c) $.11331\overline{331}\ldots$
   (b) $.4125\overline{4125}\ldots$ (d) $.1213\overline{13}\ldots$

2. Which of the following are true statements?
   (a) $.3737\overline{37}\ldots = .37\overline{37}\ldots$
   (b) $.373\overline{73}\ldots < .37\overline{37}\ldots$
   (c) $.377\overline{377}\ldots = .37737\overline{7}\ldots$
   (d) $.37\overline{37}\ldots > .377\overline{377}\ldots$

3. Using the notation of this section, express each of the following in decimal form.
   (a) $\frac{1}{3}$ (b) $\frac{5}{7}$ (c) $\frac{1}{99}$ (d) $\frac{2}{13}$

4. Which of the following fractions can be expressed as "terminating" decimals?
   (a) $\frac{7}{60}$ (b) $\frac{11}{80}$ (c) $\frac{101}{300}$ (d) $\frac{399}{400}$

We have seen that every rational number can be written as a repeating decimal. A related question is whether every repeating decimal names a rational number. Certainly, there is no problem if the decimal expansion "terminates" (repeats zeros). For example:

$$0.23 = \frac{23}{100} \qquad 0.7156 = \frac{7156}{10000}$$

For decimals that have sequences of repeating digits, not all zero, other methods are needed.

One method for expressing a repeating decimal in fraction form uses the clever technique of subtracting out the repeating digits of a non-terminating decimal thereby producing a terminating decimal that can easily be handled. This manipulative "trick" is illustrated in the examples that follow.

Let $N = .4545\overline{45} \ldots$

First multiply N by 100, and then subtract N from the product.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 100\,N &=& 45.45\overline{45} \ldots \\ -\quad N &=& .45\overline{45} \ldots \\ \hline 99\,N &=& 45.000\overline{0} \ldots \\ 99\,N &=& 45 \\ N &=& \frac{45}{99} \\ &=& \frac{5}{11} \end{array}$$

Note that multiplying N by 100 has the effect of aligning the repeating sequences of the decimals in N and $100\,N$ so that they can be subtracted to give zero in each case. The example shows that

$$.4545\overline{45} = \frac{5}{11} \quad .$$

As another example, let

$$N = .123\overline{123} \ldots$$

First multiply by 1000, and then subtract as before. This gives a new decimal where the repeating sequences are zeros. Do you see why 1000 was chosen for the multiplier here?

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 1000\,N &=& 123.123\overline{123} \ldots \\ -\quad N &=& .123\overline{123} \ldots \\ \hline 999\,N &=& 123 \\ N &=& \frac{123}{999} \\ &=& \frac{41}{333} \end{array}$$

Notice that the repeating zeros found by subtraction have not been written in this solution. From the example we see that

$$.123\overline{123} \ldots = \frac{41}{333} \quad .$$

Finally consider $N = 2.4756\overline{56} \ldots$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 100\,N &=& 247.5656\overline{56} \ldots \\ -\quad N &=& 2.4756\overline{56} \ldots \\ \hline 99\,N &=& 245.09 \\ N &=& \frac{245.09}{99} \end{array}$$

This can also be written as $\frac{24509}{9900}$, which is clearly a rational number. That is, we have shown that $2.475656\ldots$ is the name of a rational number.

The method just described is found in many junior high school mathematics texts. While appearing plausible at first glance, a closer study should reveal that a very fundamental assumption underlies the technique. Indeed, can we really multiply and subtract "infinite" decimals in this manner at all? We would like to say (actually we assume) the answer is yes.

Other methods are available for expressing repeating decimals in fraction form. They too assume certain properties regarding computing with "infinite" decimals. One involves the use of decimal forms of unit fractions with denominators one less than successive powers of ten. For example:

$$\frac{1}{9} = .111\overline{1}\ldots$$
$$\frac{1}{99} = .0101\overline{01}\ldots$$
$$\frac{1}{999} = .001001\overline{001}\ldots$$
$$\frac{1}{9999} = .0001\overline{0001}\ldots$$

The pattern in these decimals should be apparent.

To write $.45\overline{45}\ldots$ as a fraction we proceed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} .45\overline{45}\ldots &= 45(.01\overline{01}\ldots) \\ &= 45 \cdot \frac{1}{99} \\ &= \frac{45}{99} \\ &= \frac{5}{11} \end{aligned}$$

The technique will work for any number of digits in the repeating sequence of the decimal. For example:

$$\begin{aligned} .123\overline{123}\ldots &= 123\,(.001\overline{001}\ldots) \\ &= 123 \cdot \frac{1}{999} \\ &= \frac{123}{999} \\ &= \frac{41}{333} \end{aligned}$$

This method treats repeating decimals essentially as infinite geometric series. This, of course, is exactly what they are.

$$.45\overline{45}\ldots = \frac{45}{100} + \frac{45}{100^2} + \frac{45}{100^3} + \ldots$$

$$.123\overline{123}\ldots = \frac{123}{1000} + \frac{123}{1000^2} + \frac{123}{1000^3} + \ldots$$

The examples of this section suggest the following conclusion that we shall accept as true.

> Every rational number can be expressed as a repeating decimal, and every repeating decimal names a rational number.

Class Exercises

5. Write the following products as repeating decimals if $N = .29\overline{29}\ldots$

   (a) 10 N (c) 2 N

   (b) 100 N (d) 7 N

6. Write the following differences as repeating decimals if $A = .22\overline{2}\ldots$ and $B = .33\overline{3}\ldots$

   (a) B - A (b) 10A - B

7. Express each of the following as a rational number in fractional form.

   (a) $.27\overline{27}\ldots$ (b) $.135\overline{135}\ldots$

8. (a) Express each of the following as a fraction.

   $.99\overline{9}\ldots$ $.49\overline{9}\ldots$

   (b) On the basis of the results found in part (a), is it true that

   $$.99\overline{9}\ldots = 1.00\overline{0}\ldots$$

   and

   $$.499\overline{9}\ldots = .500\overline{0}\ldots \quad ?$$

   (c) Does every terminating decimal have a second corresponding decimal form that is non-terminating?

9.3 Irrational Numbers

In our discussion of the positive rational numbers we noted that they could be defined as the solutions to equations of the form

$$bx = a$$

where a and b are counting numbers. Thus

$$2x = 6, \quad 5x = 9, \quad 7x = 4$$

all have solutions that are positive rational numbers.

Let us turn our attention to another form of equation. What is the nature of the solutions to equations of the form

$$x^2 = k$$

where k is a counting number?

What values of x make the sentences

$$x^2 = 2, \qquad x^2 = 5, \qquad x^2 = 7$$

true? With these questions we open up an entirely new area of investigation.

Can $x^2 = 2$ be solved with a rational number? That is, is there a rational number $\frac{a}{b}$ such that

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 = 2 \qquad ?$$

Before answering this question, let us consider some appropriate remarks from number theory.

Let p be a whole number. The number $2p$ is then an even number. Likewise, its square $(2p)^2 = 4p^2$ is an even number. For any whole number q, $2q + 1$ is an odd number. Similarly, its square,

$$(2q + 1)^2 = 4q^2 + 4q + 1$$

is an odd number. Thus, we have established the properties that:

(1) If a number is even, then the square of the number is even.

(2) If a number is odd, then the square of the number is odd.

Likewise, we can establish two additional properties:

(3) If the square of a number is odd (not even), then the number is odd (not even).

(4) If the square of a number is even (not odd), then the number is even (not odd).

(Those readers familiar with logic will note that the last two properties are the contrapositives of the first two and hence must necessarily be true.)

We will now use these four properties to investigate the nature of the solution to the equation $x^2 = 2$.

Let us assume that $x^2 = 2$ has the rational number $\frac{a}{b}$ as a solution. Further, let us assume that $\frac{a}{b}$ is in reduced form, where a and b are relatively prime. This occurs when the greatest common factor of a and b is 1. In other words, a and b have no factors in common other than 1. If a solution in the form $\frac{c}{d}$ is found for the equation $x^2 = 2$, then an equivalent fraction $\frac{a}{b}$ (a and b relatively prime) always exists. Thus, assuming that $x^2 = 2$ has the solution $x = \frac{a}{b}$, we get

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 = 2$$

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2} = 2$$

$$a^2 = 2b^2$$

We see that a^2 is even, for $a^2 = 2b^2$ or a^2 is of the form $2n$. From property (4) just mentioned, this means that a is even also.

Since a is even, we may write $a = 2c$, c a counting number. With this in mind we may also write $a^2 = 2b^2$ as

$$(2c)^2 = 2b^2$$

$$4c^2 = 2b^2$$

$$2c^2 = b^2$$

This leads us to the conclusion that since $2c^2$ is even, b^2 must be even. However, if b^2 is even, b is even.

From our assumption that $x^2 = 2$ has the solution $\frac{a}{b}$ (a and b having no factors in common), we are forced to conclude that both a and b are even. But this is impossible, since for a and b to be even, both must have the common factor 2. Thus, we can only conclude that our assumption was false; the solution to $x^2 = 2$ cannot be written in the form $\frac{a}{b}$ and is not a rational number.

We need a number other than those in the set of rational numbers for a solution to $x^2 = 2$. We agree to write one solution as $\sqrt{2}$ such that the number $\sqrt{2}$ has the property that

$$\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2} = (\sqrt{2})^2 = 2 .$$

(From our study of negative numbers, we see that $^-\sqrt{2}$ is also a solution to $x^2 = 2$ since $(^-\sqrt{2}) \cdot (^-\sqrt{2}) = (^-\sqrt{2})^2 = 2$.)

The number $\sqrt{2}$ is an example of an irrational number. Others are

$$\sqrt{3}, \quad \sqrt{5}, \quad \sqrt{7}$$

which you may recognize as solutions to

$$x^2 = 3, \quad x^2 = 5, \quad x^2 = 7 .$$

While these are irrational numbers, we can make rational approximations to them.

For example, to make a rational number approximation to $\sqrt{2}$, we proceed as follows.

$$1 < \sqrt{2} < 2$$

$$1.4 < \sqrt{2} < 1.5$$

since $(1.4)^2 = 1.96$ and $(1.5)^2 = 2.25$

$$1.41 < \sqrt{2} < 1.42$$

since $(1.41)^2 = 1.9881$ and $(1.42)^2 = 2.0164$

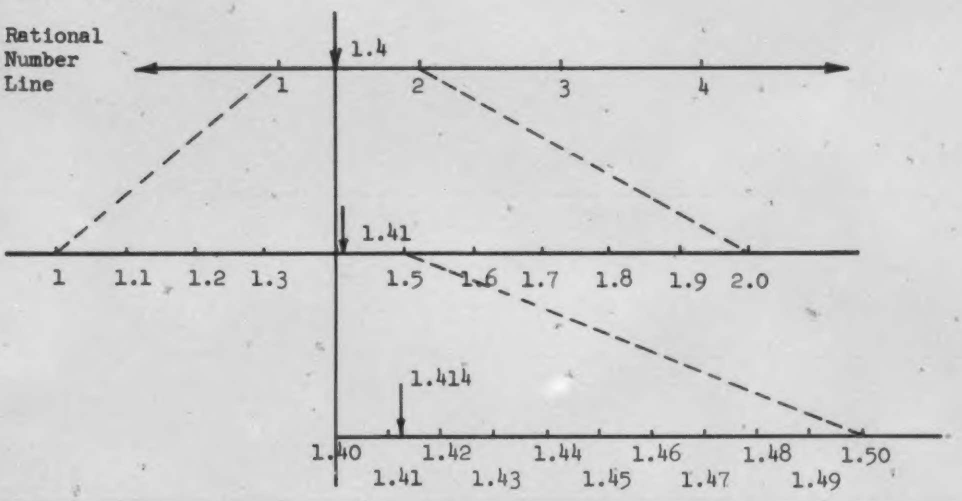
$$1.414 < \sqrt{2} < 1.415$$

Continuing this process we can approximate the value of the irrational number $\sqrt{2}$ between two rational numbers to the nearest ten-millionth, as

$$1.4142135 < \sqrt{2} < 1.4142136 \quad .$$

Since $(1.4142135)^2 = 1.99999982358225$, we have a rather good approximation to $\sqrt{2}$.

Pictorially, we can represent this approximating process on the rational number line by enlarging sections successively, as needed, to show the finer subdivisions.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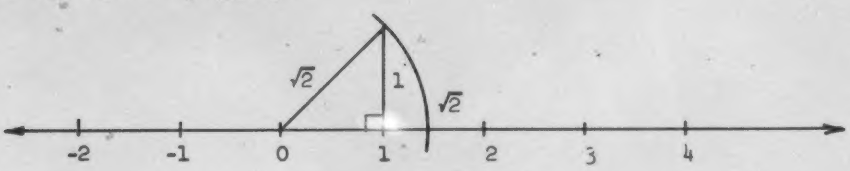
We note at this point that while $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number, it does correspond to a particular point on the number line if we think of the line as a continuous set of points with no gaps. This is readily illustrated using the Pythagorean property.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Apparently there are points on the line that do not correspond to rational numbers. This is indeed true. In fact there are infinitely many points on the number line that cannot be named with rational numbers. Each corresponds to an irrational number.

Class Exercises

9. Every counting number n is either even or odd. If n is even, we may find a whole number p such that

$$n = 2p .$$

If n is odd, we may find a whole number q such that

$$n = 2q + 1 .$$

(a) For each n listed in the set { 2, 6, 18, 48 }, find an appropriate p.

(b) For each n listed in the set { 3, 7, 33, 59 }, find an appropriate q.

10. By the method of squaring shown in the text, verify that $1.732 < \sqrt{3} < 1.733$.

In the SMSG Introduction to Secondary School Mathematics, Volume 2, there appears a proof that the solution to $x^2 = 2$ is not rational which is based upon the possible cases of oddness and evenness for a and b; namely, (1) a even, b even; (2) a even, b odd; (3) a odd, b even; and (4) a odd, b odd.

Another interesting proof may be shown with base three numerals. Base three numerals end only in the digits 0, 1, or 2. If they end in 0, their squares end in 00. If they end in 1, their squares end in 1. If they end in 2, their squares end in 1. Hence the squares of any number (except 0) written in base three ends in 00 or 1. The extended multiplication table for base

Extended Multiplication Table
Base Three

X	0	1	2	10	11	12	20	21	22	100
0	0									
1		1								
2			11							
10				100						
11					121					
12						221				
20							1100			
21								1211		
22									2101	
100										10000

three illustrates this property.

As before, we assume that $x^2 = 2$ has a solution $x = \frac{a}{b}$ ($\underline{a}$ and $\underline{b}$ relatively prime) and therefore $a^2 = 2b^2$. First, consider the case when the base three numeral for b^2 ends in 1. From $a^2 = 2b^2$ we see that the base three numeral for a^2 must end in 2.

$$a^2 = 2b^2 = 2(\_\;\_\;\_\;1) = \_\;\_\;\_\;2$$

But this is impossible since no squares have base three numerals ending in the digit 2. Hence the assumption that the numeral for b^2 ends in 1 is false. We consider the only other possible case: the numeral for b^2 ends in the digits 00. This time because $a^2 = 2b^2$ we see that the numeral for a^2 must end in the digits 00.

$$a^2 = 2b^2 = 2(\_\;\_\;0\;0) = \_\;\_\;0\;0$$

Now if the numeral for b^2 ends in 00, the numeral for b ends in 0. Likewise, the numeral for a^2 ends in 00 and hence the numeral for a ends in 0. But every base three numeral ending in 0 is divisible by three (10_{three}). Hence $\underline{b}$ and $\underline{a}$ both are divisible by three; they have a common factor. However, this is a contradiction since part of our original assumption was that $\underline{a}$ and $\underline{b}$ are relatively prime.

Our only conclusion can be that our original assumption that $x^2 = 2$ has the solution $x = \frac{a}{b}$ ($\underline{a}$ and $\underline{b}$ relatively prime) is not true. The solution to $x^2 = 2$ is not a rational number.

In this section we have shown that $x^2 = 2$ cannot be solved by a rational number. We gave one solution the name $\sqrt{2}$ and called it an irrational number. (Recall a second solution to the same equation is $^{-}\sqrt{2}$ which is also irrational.) Other similar sentences have irrational numbers such as $\sqrt{3}$, $\sqrt{5}$, and $\sqrt{7}$ for solutions. There are many other types of irrational numbers. One very familiar irrational number is π. When we use $\frac{22}{7}$ or 3.14 for π in our computations, we are only using rational number approximations to the irrational number π. Still other examples of irrational numbers are given here.

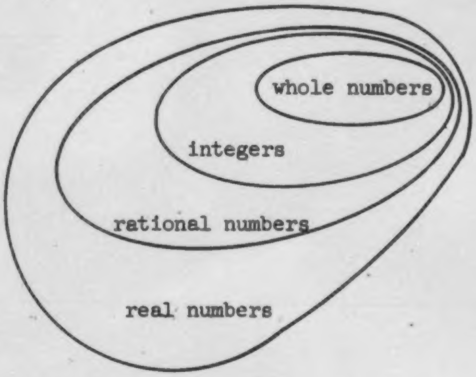
$$2\pi, \quad -\pi, \quad 2 + \sqrt{2}, \quad \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}, \quad 2\sqrt{2}, \quad (\sqrt{2})^3$$

In the next section we will learn more about these numbers that are not rational.

9.4 Real Numbers

We have learned that various kinds of questions may be asked with counting numbers. Many of these take the form of open number sentences such as $5x = 75$ that can be solved with counting numbers. Others, such as $3x = 2$ are answered with positive rational numbers. Still others, like $x^2 = 3$, can be answered only with irrational numbers.

The seventh grader should be familiar with the counting numbers and the positive rational numbers. In the eighth grade he will learn about the irrational numbers and will study negative as well as positive numbers. Attention will be placed upon these numbers and their properties and how they develop into the set of real numbers.



In the SMSG text Mathematics for Junior High School, Volume II, a chapter is devoted to the real number system. We will give here some of the key ideas presented in the chapter not because they belong in the seventh grade, but because the seventh grade teacher should have this background. One of the primary objectives of the junior high school mathematics program is to show students the developing number system from the basic counting numbers to the real number system. Granted, this can only be done informally at this level. Yet it is essential that students begin to see the relation between the completeness of the real numbers and the continuity of points on the real number line.

We approach our study of the real numbers through the use of decimals. Seventh grade youngsters are often hasty to assume that all decimal representations are names of rational numbers. Such, of course, is not the case. We need to explore the set of decimal expansions that do not repeat; that is, that are not periodic.

We have already encountered an example of an irrational number in an earlier section when we discussed $\sqrt{2}$. Although $\sqrt{2}$ is a bona-fide number, it has a decimal expansion that is non-periodic. How do we know that the decimal expansion for $\sqrt{2}$ does not repeat? It has an infinite number of digits; we could never hope to visually check to see that it has no repeating sequences! Recall that we exhibited a method for representing every repeating decimal in fractional form and concluded that all repeating decimals named rational numbers. Now $\sqrt{2}$ cannot be expressed in fractional form as we have already shown. Hence, it cannot be expressed as a repeating decimal. That is, the decimal expansion for $\sqrt{2}$ does not repeat; it does not terminate. Indeed this is what distinguishes it from the class of numbers that we have been discussing thus far. We now can define rational and irrational numbers in terms of their decimal representations.

> A *rational number* is any number that has a periodic (repeating) decimal representation.
>
> An *irrational number* is any number that has a non-periodic (non-repeating) decimal representation.

The system composed of both the rational and irrational numbers is the *real number* system. Every real number is either rational or irrational. If the decimal representation is periodic, the number is a rational number; otherwise, the number is an irrational number.

Each of the following is the name of a real number. Can you tell which ones represent rational numbers?

a. $0.123\overline{123}\ldots$
b. 0.2578
c. $0.3720\overline{0}\ldots$
d. $0.10110111011110\ldots$
e. $0.213213321333\ldots$

The first three decimals on the list are names for rational numbers; they are periodic decimals. (Recall that a decimal such as 0.2578 can be thought of as repeating zeros thereafter.) The last two are obviously not periodic and therefore represent irrational numbers. Both have a pattern to show you how to continue to write additional numerals in the sequence, but this pattern does not consist of a set of repeating digits. All five decimals, however, are representations of real numbers.

A detailed study of the decimal representation of the set of real numbers, together with the properties of the real number system, does not normally occur until the eighth grade course. It has been included here in order to provide you with a brief overview of the development of our number system. The set of real numbers is now said to be complete. Every real number corresponds to a point on the number line, and every point on the number line corresponds to a real number.

One should not infer from the above illustrations that all irrational numbers have decimal representations which, while non-repeating, do exhibit patterns. The digits in the decimal expansion for $\sqrt{2}$ have no pattern.

$$\sqrt{2} = 1.4142135 \ldots$$

Likewise, the decimal expansion for π at no point exhibits anything other than random ordering of digits.

$$\pi = 3.\ 14159\ 26534\ 89793\ 23846\ 26433\ 83279 \ldots$$

It is with respect to this latter point that the set of rational numbers differs from the set of real numbers. For each rational number there corresponds a point on the number line, but there are points on the number line that do not correspond to any rational number. For example, $\sqrt{2}$ is not a rational number, yet can be located on the number line.

The set of real numbers, as well as the sets of rational and irrational numbers, are said to be dense. That is, between any two distinct real numbers there is always another real number. Indeed, between any two real numbers there are infinitely many more real numbers. For example, consider the real numbers:

a. $2.3453453\overline{345} \ldots$ (rational)
b. $2.345534555 \ldots$ (irrational)

To locate a real number between these two we need to have in the fourth decimal place a digit between 3 and 5, that is, 4. Thereafter, by our pattern, we can locate either a rational or an irrational number between the two given numbers. Here is an example of each:

a. $2.3453\ 45\overline{345} \ldots$
rational : $2.3454\ \overline{3454} \ldots$
irrational : $2.3454\ 5445444 \ldots$
b. $2.3455\ 34555 \ldots$

Can you find others?

Class Exercises

11. Classify each of the following as rational or irrational.

    (a) $0.185\overline{185}\ldots$

    (b) $0.070770777\ldots$

    (c) $0.11211122111222\ldots$

    (d) 3.1416

    (e) $\sqrt{25}$

    (f) $4.250\overline{0}\ldots$

12. Write the next nine digits in the decimal expansion of the real numbers given in parts (a), (b), and (c) of the preceding exercise.

13. Write a decimal for a rational number between $2.384\overline{384}\ldots$ and $2.385\overline{385}\ldots$

14. Write a decimal for an irrational number between $0.7254\overline{7254}\ldots$ and $0.7255\overline{7255}\ldots$

15. Order the following real numbers from smallest to largest: $.3434\overline{34}\ldots$, $.343443444\ldots$, $.344\overline{344}\ldots$, $.343343334\ldots$, $\frac{17}{50}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{172}{500}$.

9.5 Properties of the Real Number System

We have presented, in Chapters 5-9, a development of the properties of number systems from the set of counting numbers through the set of real numbers. This material is normally developed in far more detail than given here, as part of the mathematics program of grades 7 and 8. It is important to have youngsters see the overall structure of the real number system, together with the properties of the various subsets of the set of real numbers. It is equally important, however, that opportunities be provided for practice of computational skills at this grade level. Neither of these aspects should be neglected.

In summary of these last chapters we present here the properties of the real number system.

Property 1. Closure

(a) Closure under Addition. The real number system is closed under the operation of addition. If a and b are real numbers then a + b is a real number.

(b) Closure under Subtraction. The real number system is closed under the operation of subtraction (the inverse of addition). If a and b are real numbers then a - b is a real number.

(c) Closure under Multiplication. The real number system is closed under the operation of multiplication. If a and b are real numbers then $a \cdot b$ is a real number.

(d) Closure under Division. The real number system is closed under the operation of division (the inverse of multiplication). If a and b are real numbers then $a \div b$ (when $b \neq 0$) is a real number.

The operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division on real numbers display the properties which we have already observed for rationals. These may be summarized as follows:

Property 2. Commutativity

(a) If a and b are real numbers, then $a + b = b + a$.

(b) If a and b are real numbers, then $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$.

Property 3. Associativity

(a) If a, b, and c are real numbers, then $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$.

(b) If a, b, and c are real numbers, then $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$.

Property 4. Identities

(a) If a is a real number, then $a + 0 = 0 + a = a$. Zero is the identity element for the operation of addition.

(b) If a is a real number, then $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a$. One is the identity element for the operation of multiplication.

Property 5. Distributivity

If a, b, and c are real numbers, then $a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$.

Property 6. Inverses

(a) If a is a real number, there is a real number (^-a), called the additive inverse of a such that $a + (^-a) = 0$.

(b) If a is a real number and $a \neq 0$ there is a real number b, called the multiplicative inverse of a such that $a \cdot b = 1$.

Property 7. Order

The real number system is ordered. If a and b are different real numbers then either $a < b$ or $a > b$.

Property 8. Density

The real number system is everywhere dense. Between any two distinct real numbers there is always another real number. Consequently, between any two real numbers we find as many more real numbers as we wish. In fact we easily see that: (1) There is always a rational number between any two distinct real numbers, no matter how close; (2) There is always an irrational number between any two distinct real numbers, no matter how close.

The ninth property of the system of real numbers is one which is not shared by the rationals.

Property 9. Completeness

The real number system is complete. Not only does a point on the number line correspond to each real number, but conversely, a real number corresponds to each point on the number line.

Answers to Class Exercises

1. (a) 27272 (b) 41254 (c) 33133 (d) 13131

2. a

3. (a) $0.33\overline{3}\ldots$ (c) $.0101\overline{01}\ldots$
   (b) $0.714285\overline{714285}\ldots$ (d) $.153846\overline{153846}\ldots$

4. b, d

5. (a) $2.929\overline{29}\ldots$ (c) $.58\overline{58}\ldots$
   (b) $29.29\overline{29}\ldots$ (d) $2.05\overline{05}\ldots$

6. (a) $.11\overline{1}\ldots$ (b) $1.88\overline{8}\ldots$

7. (a) $\frac{3}{11}$ (b) $\frac{5}{37}$

8. (a) $\frac{1}{1}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ (b) yes (c) yes

9. (a) 1, 3, 9, 24 (b) 1, 3, 16, 29

10.
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 1.732 & < & \sqrt{3} & < & 1.733 \\ (1.732)^2 & < & (\sqrt{3})^2 & < & (1.733)^2 \\ 2.999824 & < & 3 & < & 3.003289 \end{array}$$

11. (a) rational (d) rational
    (b) irrational (e) rational
    (c) irrational (f) rational

12. (a) 185185185 (b) 077770777 (c) 111112222

13. Answers will vary: two possible answers are
    $2.3847\overline{3847}\ldots$, 2.38473845

14. Answers will vary: two possible answers are
    $0.725450550\ldots$, $0.72548548854888\ldots$

15. $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{17}{50}$, $.343343334\ldots$, $.3434\overline{34}\ldots$, $.343443444\ldots$,
    $\frac{172}{500}$, $.344\overline{344}\ldots$

Chapter Exercises

1. Write the decimal expansion for each of the following rational numbers:
   (a) $\frac{2}{3}$ (b) $\frac{4}{9}$ (c) $\frac{3}{11}$ (d) $\frac{2}{99}$

2. Give the next five digits in each of the following decimal expansions:
   (a) $.35\overline{35}\ldots$ (b) $.353553555\ldots$ (c) $.355\overline{355}\ldots$

3. Write a rational number in fractional form for each of the following:
   (a) $0.12\overline{12}\ldots$ (b) $0.432\overline{432}\ldots$ (c) $.699\overline{9}\ldots$

4. Classify each of the following as either a rational or an irrational number.
   (a) $\sqrt{5}$ (b) $(\sqrt{5})^2$ (c) $^{-}\sqrt{3}$ (d) $\frac{\pi}{2}$ (e) $\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}$

5. Repeat Exercise 4 for the following:
   (a) $.17\overline{17}\ldots$ (b) $.171771777\ldots$ (c) $.17117$
   (d) $.171171117\ldots$ (e) $.170\overline{0}\ldots$

6. Which of the following numbers is the largest? Which is the smallest?
   (a) $.43$ (b) $.43\overline{43}\ldots$ (c) $.434334333\ldots$
   (d) $.434\overline{34}\ldots$ (e) $.43443444\ldots$

7. Write two decimals for (a) a rational number and (b) an irrational number between $0.345\overline{345}\ldots$ and $0.34533453333 45\ldots$

8. Write the decimal expansions for $\frac{1}{7}, \frac{2}{7}, \frac{3}{7}, \frac{4}{7}, \frac{5}{7}, \frac{6}{7}$.
   Try to find a pattern that recurs in each of these representations.

9. Repeat Exercise 8 for the thirteenths from $\frac{1}{13}$ through $\frac{12}{13}$.

10. Between what two consecutive counting numbers are the following?
    (a) ________ $< \sqrt{3} <$ ________
    (b) ________ $< \sqrt{123} <$ ________
    (c) ________ $< \sqrt{11} <$ ________
    (d) ________ $< \sqrt{29} <$ ________
    (e) ________ $< \sqrt{5} <$ ________
    (f) ________ $< \sqrt{91} <$ ________
    (g) ________ $< \sqrt{224} <$ ________
    (h) ________ $< \sqrt{69} <$ ________

11. Solve each equation.

(a) $3x = 91$

(b) $x^2 = 3$

(c) $4x = 96$

(d) $28x = 1$

(e) $15x = 75$

(f) $14x = 70$

(g) $8x = 63$

(h) $x^2 = 11$

(i) $31x = 558$

(j) $49x = 98$

(k) $7x = 231$

(l) $8x^2 = 232$

(m) $11x = 176$

(n) $11x = 175$

(o) $x^2 = 13$

(p) $x^2 = 5$

Classify each solution as a counting number, a rational number (not a counting number), or an irrational number.

Chapter 10

NON-METRIC GEOMETRY, I

More and more of the basic concepts of geometry are being introduced at the junior high level or even earlier. This is not to say geometry is being treated as a deductive system in grade seven but that these students are learning many of the fundamental ideas of geometry. Several reasons exist for this increasing emphasis on geometry. Many topics in mathematics are being introduced earlier than previously was the case; geometry is one of them. The demise of solid geometry as a full course in its own right and the inclusion of much of its content in the tenth grade geometry course has made it difficult to introduce all the three-dimensional concepts and study them in any depth in the time allotted. The study of geometry introduces a new element into the junior high school years which in the past have been primarily concerned with arithmetic. Junior high school students enjoy geometry and easily learn many of the concepts which have a "pay-off" in the future.

Seventh and eighth grade books today, including the SMSG *Mathematics for Junior High School*, Volumes I and II, include many topics usually not encountered until grade ten. They study the relationships between points, lines, and planes in space; angles, triangles, and polygons; parallels and parallelograms; basic ideas of measure and congruence; as well as properties of solids.

This chapter, and the next, will treat many of those aspects of geometry which do not depend upon the concept of distance or measurement. Chapters 12 and 13 will introduce the idea of measure and use it to enlarge the study of geometry.

You are aware that parts of geometry are not concerned with distance or measure. This aspect of geometry is called *non-metric* because of its "no-measure" property. An examination of non-metric properties considers points, lines, planes, geometrical figures, and shapes in space. Such a study enables us to accomplish the following:

1) to introduce geometric ideas and ways of thought;

2) to develop more familiarity with the terminology and notation of "sets" and geometry;

3) to encourage precision of language and thought;

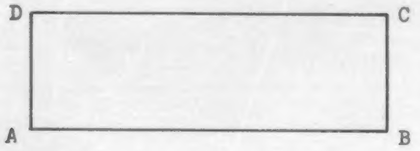
4) to develop spatial perception.

10.1 Sketching

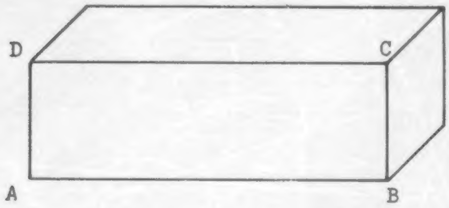
In order to discuss and "draw pictures" of what we will be studying, let us examine a few techniques of representing surfaces and shapes.

Representing points gives us little difficulty and representing lines becomes bothersome only when we try to look at them in perspective. Solid figures, in general, are not difficult to sketch with a little practice.

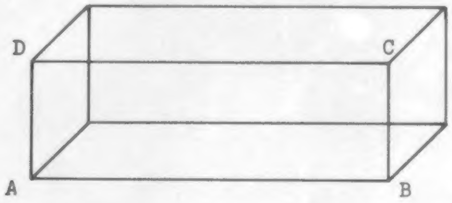
Suppose we start by drawing a box. We may consider the following rectangle ABCD as a representation of a box. This is the view from "head on."



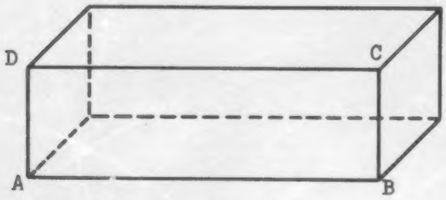
If we think of rotating the box, or equivalently, moving to the right and standing up so that we look down at an angle at one corner of the box, the sketch looks somewhat like this:



Further, if we think of this shape as made of toothpicks, tinkertoys, or rods instead of being solid we would see the "back edges" and the sketch would resemble this:



Since we now seem to have created some sort of an optical illusion, where it is not clear which is front or which is back, we make the "back lines" or hidden lines dotted to differentiate them from the others.



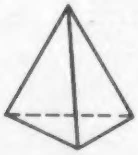
Class Exercises

1. Sketch a cube (all faces are squares). Show hidden lines as dotted.

2. Using the figure above:

   (a) Sketch only the top of the box.
   (b) Sketch the bottom and left side.
   (c) Sketch the top and right side.
   (d) Sketch the bottom and both sides.

3. Below are some common solid figures with their names. Sketch them, without tracing, on a larger scale.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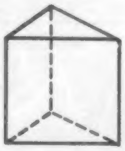
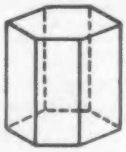

right triangular prism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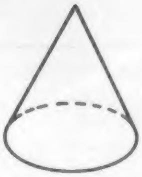
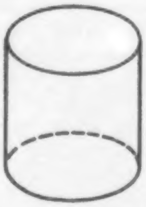

right circular cone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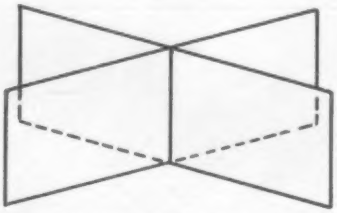
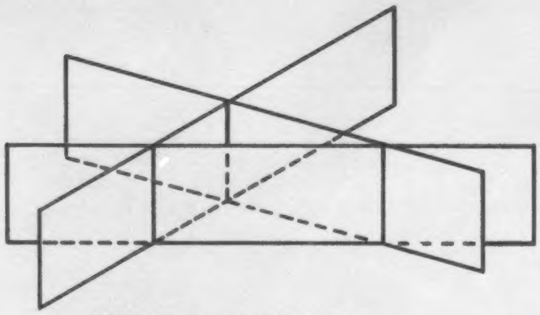

two intersecting planes



three intersecting planes

10.2 Points

Let us return to our discussion of points, lines, planes, and space and consider some of their properties and relationships. As mentioned before, we will limit ourselves to those aspects of the problem which do not concern measurement.

What do we mean in mathematics when we use the word point? This is one of the words or terms of mathematics which we use to name an abstract concept or idea. We do not try to define a point but rather discuss its properties and characteristics. We then use this word to define other terms.

Note: The problem of definition in mathematics is not solved by a dictionary approach. When we attempt to define any word, we must use other words. These then also need definition, which requires still more words. In attempting to define all words in this manner we ultimately will have to use a word that we have previously defined. This then gives us what we call a circular definition; i.e., defining word A in terms of word B and word B in terms of word A. Such circular definitions are of no value, for unless we can get outside the circle by somewhere pointing to the actual object, we are unable to do more than use one word for another. Imagine yourself with a French dictionary, no knowledge of the French language, and a French word for which you wish the meaning. Finding this word in the French dictionary only gives you other French words which in turn are defined in French words, and so on.

For this reason, in mathematics we agree to accept some words as "primitive" or "undefined words" and then use these to frame the definititions of other words. Students find it interesting to take a word, find its definition in the dictionary and continue looking up the

> key words until they find the original word used. Examples are easy to find. In one dictionary *point* is given as a "narrowly localized place having a precisely indicated position." The key word in this definition, *position*, is given as "the *point* or area occupied by a physical object." The same dictionary defines *length* in terms of dimension, *dimension* in terms of extension, *extension* as the act of extending, and extend as "to stretch out to fullest *length*."

Because of this problem of definition we will not attempt to define the terms point, line, plane, or space. We will, however, state formally some axioms, here called properties, which will describe these geometrical objects. Using these "properties" or axioms, it will be possible to learn more about points, lines, and planes. Recall that in Chapter 4 you did not know what many of the elements and operations "really" were, but from their definitions as given in tables much information about their behavior was deduced.

A *point* might be described as a location in space. But this leads us to the circular definition mentioned earlier, for we will use the term point in our definition of space. The idea of a point is suggested by the tip of a sharp pencil, by a dot on a paper or chalkboard, or the period at the end of a sentence. All these are merely representations of points, and not points themselves. The smaller the dot or period, or the sharper the pencil, the better the representation. We usually represent points by dots and label them with capital letters.

10.3 *Sets of Points*

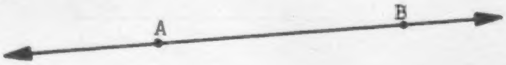
We may think of *space* as the set of all points and examine certain special subsets of space; i.e., sets of points which are the elements of geometry we wish to examine. One of the first of these is a *line*. By line we mean a set of points with certain properties. We will use the word "line" to mean "straight line." Just as a point was represented by the tip of a pencil, a line is represented by the edge of a ruler, a string stretched taut between two points, or the "line of sight" of the surveyor.

Although at times we refer to a portion of a line, we must be careful to make it clear whether we mean the entire line or not. Later we will introduce some notation to help clarify this situation. Again, as with points, our marks on paper, chalkboard, and the like, will be only representations of lines. We will often label lines with lower case script letters as line ℓ, m, or n.

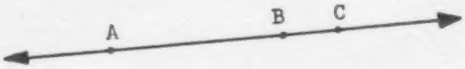
One of the simplest and most basic properties of space is represented by the uniqueness of a line drawn through two points on the chalkboard, or the fact that two pieces of string stretched between two points follow the same path (as far as physically possible). Unique, as used here, means "exactly one."

Property 1: Through any two different points in space there is exactly one line.

Another method of labeling or naming lines is dependent upon this property. If A and B are any two distinct points both on a line, or if a line passes through the points A and B, then we use the symbol $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ to denote such a line.



If three or more points are contained in the same line, then we say such points are collinear. Thus, points A, B, and C on the line below are collinear.

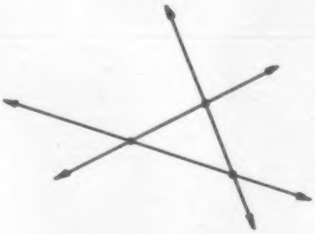


When more than two points on a line are named, we have many ways for naming the line. We might name the line above as $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$, $\overleftrightarrow{AC}$, $\overleftrightarrow{BC}$, $\overleftrightarrow{BA}$, $\overleftrightarrow{CA}$, and $\overleftrightarrow{CB}$.

Class Exercises

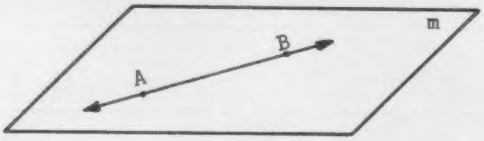
4. With two points only one line is "determined," while three non-collinear points determine three lines. Four points, no three of which are collinear, determine how many lines? Five points? Can you discover a formula which will give the number of lines determined by n points, no three of which are collinear? Complete the following table:

Number of Points	Number of Lines
2	1
3	3
4	
5	
6	
n	



Three points-three lines

Another basic concept of geometry is that of a plane. Like the line, this is also a set of points in space with certain properties. Intuitively, we think of a plane as having the property we have in mind when we use terms like flat, level, even, and smooth. We will attempt to make this "flatness" more precise a little later. We think of the surface of the chalkboard or our paper as representing a plane surface. If we wish to represent a plane in perspective with a sketch, we draw only a portion, as with a line. We indicate a plane by a figure like that below and label it with a lower case letter as shown. Remember, although the picture appears to be bounded, the plane it represents continues on indefinitely in the directions indicated.

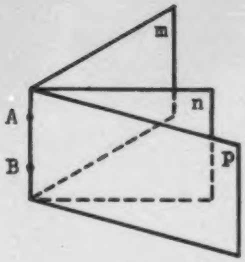


The flatness of the plane and the straightness of a line suggest that if two points, A and B, of a line are in plane m, then every point of the line through A and B lies in the plane. We may state this formally as a second basic property of space as follows:

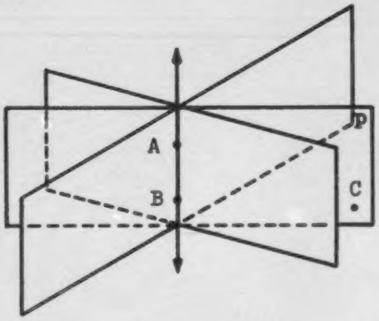
> Property 2: If a line contains two different points of a plane, then the line lies in the plane.

This property may be stated a variety of ways. We may say that the plane contains the line, or that every point of the line is a point of the plane, or that the line is a subset of the plane.

Recalling Property 1, that exactly one line is determined by two points, we may wonder about points and planes. Given two points, how many planes are determined? Since these two points will determine a unique line we are also asking how many planes contain a single line. If we think of the hinges of a door as the two points, and the different positions of the door as representing different planes, we see that any number of planes may pass through two points or equivalently through one line.



Just as there is only one position for the door when it is closed, i.e., the two hinges and the latch determine one position, three points will determine one plane. Considering the same two points A and B with a third point C not on $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$, then only one plane, labeled p in the figure below, contains all three points.



This is another of our basic properties and we state it formally.

Property 3: Any three points not in the same straight line are in exactly one plane.

We see from this property that three points not in the same straight line can be used to name a plane since they locate exactly one plane. In the figure plane p may be named plane ABC.

This property also explains the reason for the stability of such things as tripods and three-legged stools. You may illustrate this by demonstrating the ease of supporting a book (plane) with three fingers (points) as contrasted with two fingers (points).

Class Exercises

5. How many planes are determined by the ends of the four legs of a table? Does this help explain why the legs of a table must be the correct length in order to sit steady whereas a tripod always sits steady? Must the legs of a table always be the same length?

10.4 Intersections of Lines and Planes

Since the elements of geometry are sets of points, we have all the previously defined properties of sets at our disposal. In the chapter on sets, the term intersection was defined precisely, and we agreed that whenever we used this word it would have exactly the meaning given in the definition. This is what we do with all technical words in mathematics. Once they have been defined they will always have the same meaning and be used in the same way. Sometimes, however, a technical word in mathematics, carefully defined in one way, may also be an everyday word used in a somewhat different sense. Such a word is *intersection*. When used with sets, intersection means only one thing, the set of all elements common to two sets. This is the meaning given earlier and will continue to be the meaning of intersection of sets. From this definition we also developed the *empty set*, $\emptyset$, which we defined to be the set with no elements. Thus, the intersection of two disjoint sets is the empty set.

In everyday usage we often speak of a "street intersection" or "two paths intersecting." This meaning is similar to the "points in common" definition given above, but in everyday usage if two streets do not meet we say they do *not* intersect, rather than say "their intersection is the empty set."

Geometry and the language of sets developed as two different disciplines at two different times. This helps explain the use of the same word in two different ways. If we keep these two uses of the word in mind, then a statement like the following is meaningful:

> If two lines do not intersect, their intersection is the empty set.

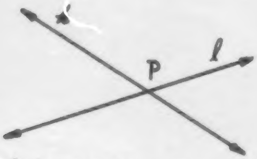
Although we will try to avoid statements of this type, and the meaning will usually be clear from the usage, the teacher should be aware of the difference and alert to the possibilities of confusion on the part of the student.

Two Lines

What possibilities exist for two lines in space? If they intersect, (by this we mean the intersection is not the empty set), they have at least one point in common. What if they have two points in common? Then by Property 1, they must have all points in common, or we say they are coincident.

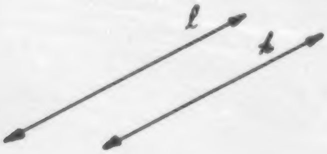
Note: Two lines whose intersection is not the empty set lie in the same plane. Why? The possible arrangements of two different lines may be described in three cases.

Case 1. ℓ and k intersect, or $\ell \cap k$ is the point P and not the empty set.



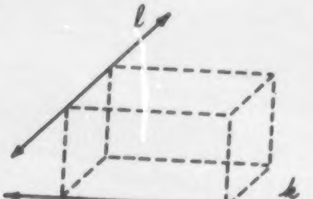
intersecting lines

Case 2. ℓ and k do not intersect and are in the same plane. ($\ell \cap k = \emptyset$) Such lines are said to be parallel lines.



parallel lines

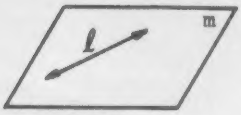
Case 3. ℓ and k do not intersect and are not in the same plane. ($\ell \cap k = \emptyset$) Such lines are said to be skew lines.



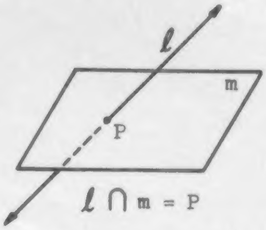
skew lines

A Line and a Plane

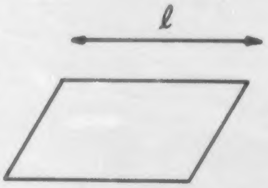
A little thought will reveal the three possible arrangements that may exist for a line and a plane in space. Property 2 tells us that if two or more points of a line are contained in a plane, then all points are so contained, and the line lies completely in the plane. Nothing, however, prevents a line and a plane from having one or no points in common. In the former we say the line intersects the plane and in the latter we say the line is parallel to the plane.



$\ell \cap m = \ell$



$\ell \cap m = P$

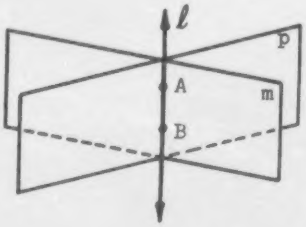


$\ell \cap m = \emptyset$

Two Planes

If we consider two planes, one possible relationship is that of coincidence. Let us confine our attention to two different planes, i.e., not coincident, and ask what possibilities exist. Either their intersection is empty, so that we say the planes are parallel, or the intersection is nonempty.

In the latter case our intuition and previous efforts at sketching probably led us to expect a line as the intersection. Can we make this conclusion more plausible by using our previously developed properties?



If A and B are distinct points, both contained in the intersection of m and p, then by Property 1 they are contained in exactly one line, say ℓ. But since A and B are both in plane m, Property 2 tells us that line ℓ is in m.

The same reasoning puts ℓ in plane p. All this seems to add weight to our conjecture that the intersection is a line. Note, however, that we have assumed the distinctness of the two points A and B. We have not really proved that the above conclusion is true but let us accept it as another basic property of space, just as we did the previous three.

> Property 4: If the intersection of two different planes is not empty, then the intersection is a line.

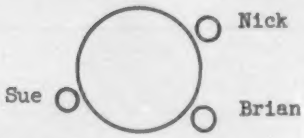
This property forces the mathematical concept of a plane to agree with our intuitive concept of plane. Without Property 4, we have no mathematical reason to rule out the possibility of two planes intersecting in a single point. This, of course, contradicts our intuitive notion of two planes intersecting.

Class Exercises

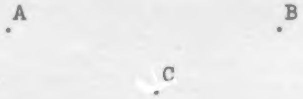
6. How many examples of intersections of planes to give straight lines can you see in your immediate surroundings? The intersection of two walls? A ceiling and a wall? The edges of a desk?
7. Find some examples around you of intersecting lines and planes.
8. Consider the line determined by a point on the light switch and a point on the pencil sharpener. Does this line intersect anything inside the room? Outside the room?
9. Consider the plane determined by a point on the light switch, a point on the pencil sharpener, and some third point in the room. Is a single plane determined? Where does this plane intersect the walls of the room? Where does it intersect the ceiling? Does it intersect the instructor? Is anyone decapitated?

10.5 Segments and Unions of Sets

We use the word "between" in referring to points located in certain ways. How are points arranged when we say that one point is between two others? With people seated around a table it is difficult to say who is between whom. Is Nick between Sue and Brian, or is Sue between Brian and Nick, or both?

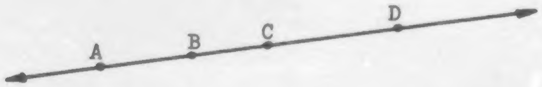


What about three points arranged as shown?



Can we agree that any one of the points is between the other two? In a situation of this nature "between" does not seem to apply.

If the points in question are on the same line as A, B, C, and D,



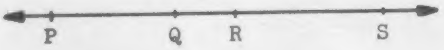
then we have no difficulty in our use of the word between. We say that B is between A and C, (or A and D), C is between B and D (or A and D) and both B and C are between A and D. Thus, when we say one point is between two others, we are implying that the points are collinear.

We may use the above idea when we wish to speak of a portion of a line. We call the set of points consisting of A and B and all points between A and B, *segment AB* and write it as $\overline{AB}$. Note the difference in notation between $\overline{AB}$ (segment) and $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ (line).

Another item we wish to recall from previous work is the *union* of two sets. Remember that this is the set of all elements belonging to at least one of the two original sets. In the figure above the union of $\overline{AB}$ and $\overline{BC}$ is $\overline{AC}$. This concept is used in the following class exercises.

Class Exercises

10. Examine line $\overleftrightarrow{PS}$.

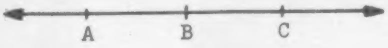


Name two segments:

(a) whose intersection is a point.
(b) whose intersection is a segment.
(c) whose union is a segment.
(d) whose union is two segments.
(e) whose intersection is empty.

11. How many segments are in the figure in Exercise 10?

12. Simplify the following by referring to line $\overleftrightarrow{AC}$.

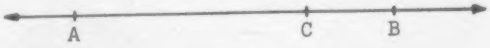


(a) $\overline{AB} \cap \overline{BC}$
(b) $\overline{AC} \cap \overline{BC}$
(c) $\overline{AB} \cup \overline{BC}$
(d) $\overline{AB} \cup \overline{AC}$
(e) $A \cap \overline{BC}$
(f) $A \cup \overline{AB}$
(g) $\overleftrightarrow{AC} \cap (\overline{AC} \cap \overline{BC})$
(h) $B \cap \overline{AC}$

13. Draw two segments $\overline{AB}$ and $\overline{CD}$ so that $\overline{AB} \cap \overline{CD}$ is empty but $\overleftrightarrow{AB} \cap \overleftrightarrow{CD}$ is not empty.

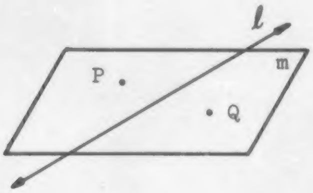
10.6 Separations

A point on a line separates the line into two parts. Each part is called a half-line. Thus, AB is separated into two half-lines by the point C in the following diagram. Notice we have three subsets of the line, the two half-lines and the point of separation.



We speak of the half-line containing A or the half-line containing B. A half-line together with its end-point is called a ray. Thus, the union of point C with the half-line containing point B is a ray, written $\overrightarrow{CB}$. Note the notation used and contrast it with the notation used for line and line segment. In the latter two cases order made no difference. Thus, $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ and $\overleftrightarrow{BA}$ both denote the same line, $\overline{CD}$ and $\overline{DC}$ name the same segment. Order, however, is important when considering rays. $\overrightarrow{AB}$ and $\overrightarrow{BA}$ do not mean the same ray. The first letter names the end-point while the second letter names some other point on the ray. Ray $\overrightarrow{AB}$ starts at A and contains B; ray $\overrightarrow{BA}$ starts at B and contains A.

A similar situation holds with a line in a plane. The line separates the plane into two half-planes. In the following figure, line ℓ separates plane m into the two half-planes containing P and Q, respectively.



Line ℓ belongs to neither half-plane, but forms the boundary of each. Note that the line divides the plane into three subsets, the two half-planes and the line itself.

Space is separated into two half-spaces by a plane. Here again we say that the plane belongs to neither half-space.

Class Exercises

14. Draw a line containing the three points P, Q, and R, with R between P and Q. Use the diagram to simplify the following.

    (a) $\overrightarrow{PQ} \cap \overrightarrow{QP}$
    (b) $\overline{PR} \cup \overrightarrow{RQ}$
    (c) $\overline{PR} \cup \overline{RQ}$
    (d) $R \cap \overline{PQ}$
    (e) $P \cap \overrightarrow{RQ}$

15. If points A and B are in the same half-space formed by plane m in space, what possibilities exist for $\overleftrightarrow{AB} \cap m$?

10.7 Conclusion

What major ideas have we covered in this chapter? We have looked at geometric elements as ideas and seen that we do not put points, lines, and planes on the board but only representations of such ideas. We have seen that only some elements of geometry are defined, whereas some are left undefined. These we use as our building blocks to develop more complex ideas.

We have seen how points, lines, and planes in space are related. We have discussed the intersections and unions of these various geometrical elements.

In the next chapter we will continue this approach and use these basic elements of point, line, and plane to develop other geometrical figures.

Chapter Exercises

1. Sketch two planes, m and n, that intersect in line ℓ.

2. Given two sets, one with eight elements and one with twelve elements,
   (a) what is the maximum number of elements in their intersection? The minimum?

   (b) What is the maximum number of elements in their union? The minimum?

3. If m and ℓ denote a plane and a line, respectively, draw a sketch to show each of the following situations:

   (a) $m \cap \ell = \emptyset$
   (b) $m \cap \ell = \ell$
   (c) $m \cap \ell =$ point A

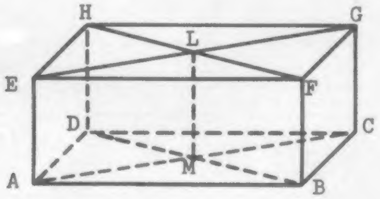
4. If m, n, and p denote planes, draw a sketch to show each of the following:

   (a) $m \cap n =$ line ℓ
   (b) $m \cap n = \emptyset$
   (c) $m \cap n \cap p =$ line ℓ
   (d) $m \cap n \cap p =$ point A

5. How do a ray and a half-line differ?

6. How do $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$, $\overline{AB}$, $\overrightarrow{BA}$ and $\overrightarrow{AB}$ differ?

7. Consider the accompanying sketch, and the lines and planes suggested by the figure. Name lines by a pair of points and planes by three points.

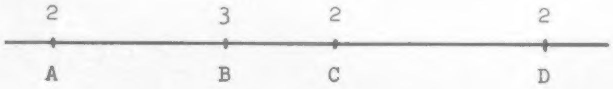


Name the following:

(a) A pair of intersecting planes
(b) A pair of parallel planes
(c) Three planes that intersect in a point
(d) Three planes that intersect in a line
(e) A pair of parallel lines
(f) A pair of skew lines
(g) Three lines in the same plane that intersect in a point
(h) Three lines not in the same plane, that intersect in a point
(i) Four planes that have exactly one point in common.

8. How many planes are determined by a line and a point? Must any conditions be placed on the line and point for the answer to be unique?

9. Four houses, A, B, C, D are on the same street with two boys living in house A, three in B, two in C, and two in D, as shown below.



If the boys form a club, at which house should meetings be held in order to minimize walking?

Answers to Class Exercises

Other orientations are possible.

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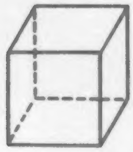

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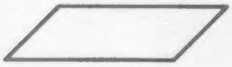

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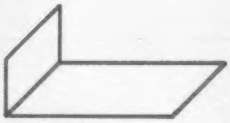

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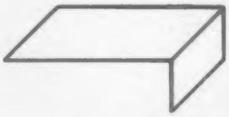

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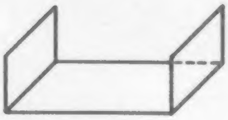


4.

Number of Points	Number of Lines
2	1
3	3
4	6
5	10
6	15
N	$\frac{1}{2}N(N - 1)$

5. Since the ends of any three of the table legs determine a plane, a total of four planes are possible. The three points of the tripod determine only one plane. The ends of the table legs need only lie in the same plane, and thus not necessarily be the same length.

6.
7.
8.
9.

Answers will depend upon the situations. These questions are designed to help you visualize lines and planes in space.

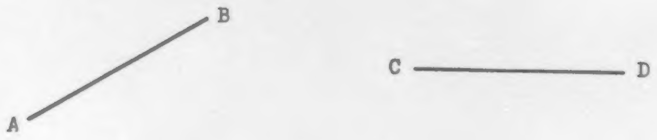
10. Several answers are possible.

(a) $\overline{PQ}$ and $\overline{QR}$
(b) $\overline{PR}$ and $\overline{QS}$
(c) $\overline{PQ}$ and $\overline{QR}$
(d) $\overline{PQ}$ and $\overline{RS}$
(e) $\overline{PQ}$ and $\overline{RS}$

11. 6

12. (a) B
(b) $\overline{BC}$
(c) $\overline{AC}$
(d) $\overline{AC}$
(e) ∅
(f) $\overline{AB}$
(g) $\overline{BC}$
(h) B

13.



14. (a) $\overline{PQ}$
(b) $\overrightarrow{PQ}$
(c) $\overline{PQ}$
(d) R
(e) ∅

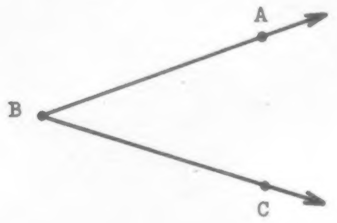
15. Either one point, or the empty set.

Chapter 11

NON-METRIC GEOMETRY, II

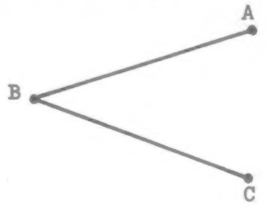
11.1 Angles and Triangles

You are familiar with the terms angle and triangle. How do we define and use these words in geometry? We define angle as the union of two rays with the same end point, not both on the same line. The common end point is called the vertex of the angle and the rays are called the sides of the angle. Thus, in the figure below, angle ABC , written $\angle ABC$, is composed of the rays $\overrightarrow{BA}$ and $\overrightarrow{BC}$ with point B in common.



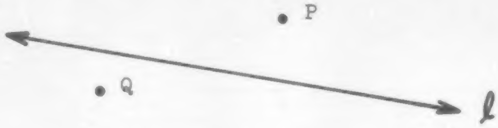
$$\angle ABC = \overrightarrow{BA} \cup \overrightarrow{BC}$$

In the symbol "$\angle ABC$ " the letter in the middle always names the vertex. $\angle ABC$ and $\angle CBA$, however, both indicate the same angle. Notice that the angle is composed of rays, not segments. A figure such as the one shown below is not, by our definition, an angle.



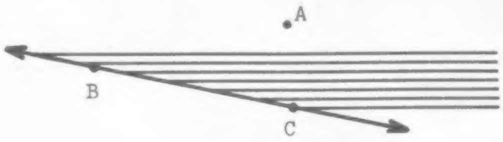
The figure does, of course, determine an angle in that segment BA suggests ray BA and segment BC suggests ray BC. These rays, then, give us an angle as defined.

An intuitively simple aspect of an angle is the "inside" or "interior" of the angle. Probably every student could point to the area or region we have in mind when we use such a word. An angle divides a plane into two regions and in some sense of the word we mean the smaller of the two regions. Describing such an area in terms of our previous ideas involves the careful use of language, if we are to say exactly what we mean and nothing else. Recall that a line separates a plane into two regions. Thus, given a situation like the one shown,

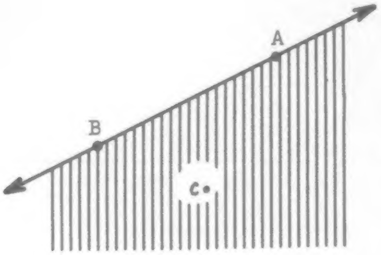


we may use points of the plane to identify the two regions, that is, the two half-planes. Let P and Q be points such that the intersection of the line ℓ and $\overline{PQ}$ is between P and Q. Then P and Q are on opposite sides of line ℓ . By the term "P-side of line ℓ ", we mean the half-plane that contains the point P.

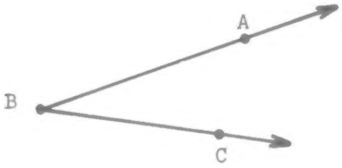
In the following figure the horizontal lines indicate the A-side of $\overleftrightarrow{BC}$.



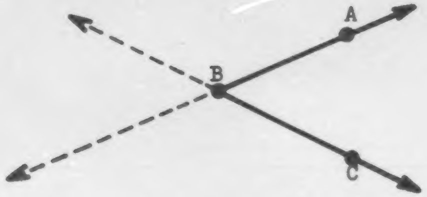
In a similar manner, the vertical lines in the following figure indicate the C-side of $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$.



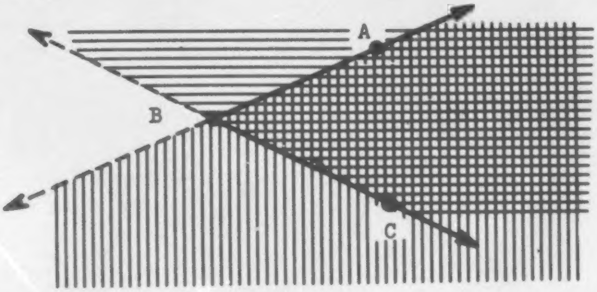
With these ideas we are now able to describe the interior of an angle. Given the angle ABC,



the rays BA and BC determine the lines BA and BC as shown.

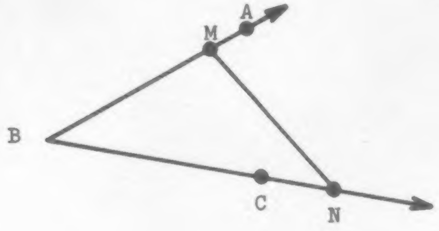


If we again refer to the A-side of $\overleftrightarrow{BC}$ and the C-side of $\overleftrightarrow{BA}$, then the intersection of these two regions, doubly shaded, is what we mean by the interior of $\angle ABC$.



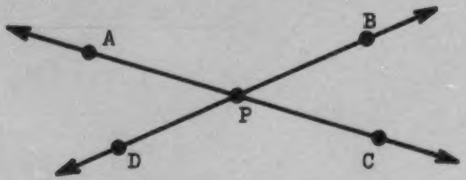
Formally, we say the interior of $\angle ABC$ is the intersection of the A-side of $\overleftrightarrow{BC}$ and the C-side of $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$.

Still another way of defining the interior of an angle is to take any point, M, on $\overrightarrow{BA}$ and any point, N, on $\overrightarrow{BC}$. These two points determine a segment, $\overline{MN}$, as shown.



We may define the interior of $\angle ABC$ to be the union of all such segments with the exception of their endpoints. Why are these definitions of the interior of an angle not the same if we include the endpoints of the segments?

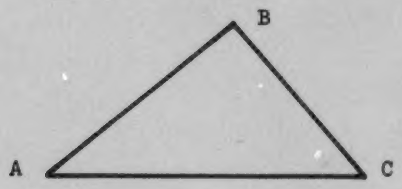
When we consider two intersecting lines,



we see that the resulting rays form four angles. We call a pair of opposite angles, such as $\angle$ BPC and $\angle$ APD, *vertical angles*. Notice that their sides form two pairs of opposite rays. The figure also contains another pair of vertical angles, $\angle$ APB and $\angle$ CPD.

Triangles

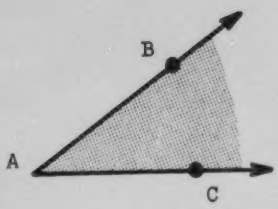
Three non-collinear points, A, B, and C, will determine three segments, $\overline{AB}$, $\overline{AC}$, and $\overline{BC}$. The union of these three segments is called *triangle ABC* and is written "$\triangle$ ABC". The segments are called *sides* of the triangle. The points A, B, and C are called *vertices* (plural of vertex) and angles $\angle$ ABC, $\angle$ BAC and $\angle$ ACB determined by triangle ABC are called the *angles of the triangle*.

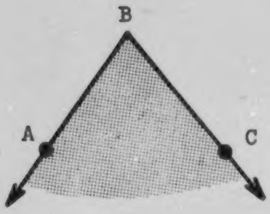


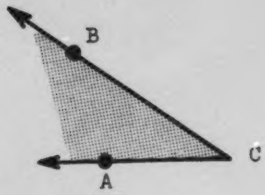
$$\triangle ABC = \overline{AB} \cup \overline{BC} \cup \overline{AC}$$

Note carefully the definition. It is the union of segments, not lines or rays. Although the segments $\overline{AB}$ and $\overline{AC}$ determine the rays $\overrightarrow{AB}$ and $\overrightarrow{AC}$ and thus determine the angle BAC, the segments themselves do not form the angle. This is why we say that a triangle determines or locates three angles, but that the angles are not themselves part of the triangle.

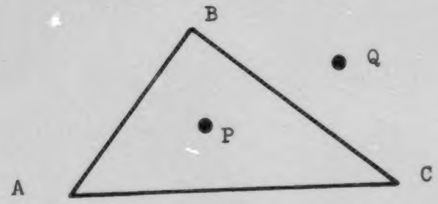
A triangle also separates a plane into two regions which we call the interior and exterior of the triangle. Here again we have three subsets of the plane, the triangle, its interior, and its exterior. We may use the interior of the angles of a triangle to define the interior of the triangle. The three angles determined by $\triangle$ ABC each have interiors as shown.





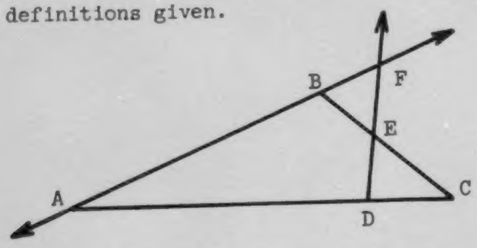


By using the intersection of these three sets, we may define the interior of a triangle as the intersection of the interiors of the three angles of the triangle.



This definition puts the point P in the interior of the triangle shown above, since it is in the interior of each of the angles. Point Q is not in the interior of the triangle, although it is in the interior of $\angle BAC$. If a point is in the interior of two angles of a triangle is it in the interior of the third angle?

A diagram like the one below may help students understand the meaning of the different definitions given.



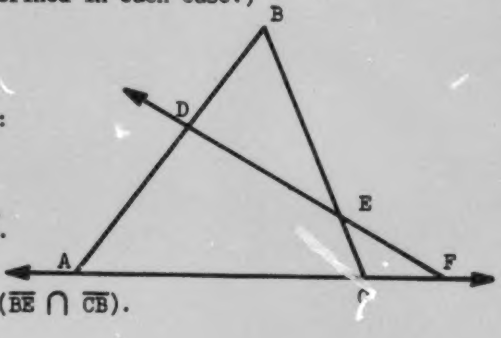
You may ask students to shade regions such as interior $\triangle ABC \cap$ interior $\triangle ADF$, or interior $\triangle ABC \cup$ interior $\triangle ADF$. Or you may ask them to identify the points in the union and intersection of sets of points as follows:

a. $\overleftrightarrow{AB} \cap \triangle ABC$	($\overline{AB}$)
b. $\angle ACB \cap \overline{BA}$	(points A and B)
c. $\overrightarrow{BA} \cap \overline{BC}$	(point B)
d. $\overrightarrow{BA} \cup \overline{BF}$	($\overrightarrow{FA}$)
e. $\triangle ABC \cap$ interior $\triangle ABC$	($\emptyset$)

Class Exercises

1. Define the exterior of an angle and of a triangle. (Make use of the fact that the interior has been defined in each case.)

2. Refer to the figure below.



Describe the set of points in:

a. $\triangle DBE \cap \triangle ECF$.

b. $\angle BAC \cap \overline{BC}$.

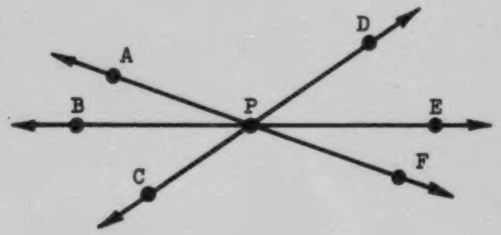
c. the interior of $\triangle BDE \cap \overrightarrow{FD}$.

d. $\overline{AB} \cap \overline{BC}$.

e. $(\overline{AB} \cap \overline{BD}) \cup (\overline{DE} \cap \overline{FD}) \cup (\overline{BE} \cap \overline{CB})$.

f. $\angle BAC \cap \angle BCA$.

(Note: Exercises 3-5 refer to the following figure.)



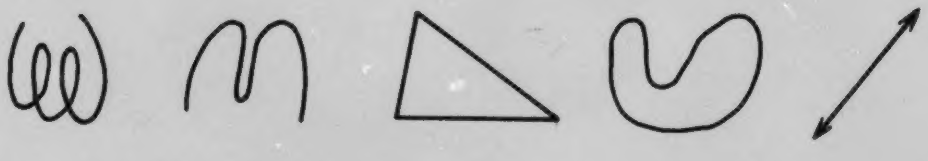
3. Name four pairs of vertical angles. Are there others?

4. Name three half-planes.

5. What is $\angle DPE \cap \angle EPF$?

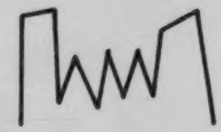
11.2 Simple Closed Curves

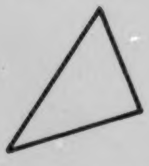
The word "curve" is another word which we use in both everyday language and in our mathematical language. Like many other words, the two usages do not agree in all respects. Below are some representations of curves.

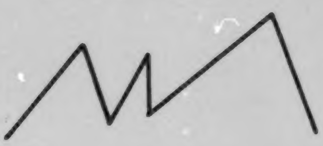


A *plane curve* is a set of points, all in one plane, which can be represented by a pencil drawing made without lifting the pencil from the paper. Segments and triangles are both examples of plane curves. Note that a straight line is also a curve. It is this technical usage that does not agree with our general usage where curve is associated with the concept of changing direction.

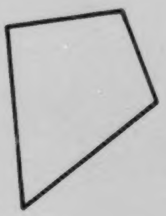
Curves made up of line segments are called *broken-line curves*.







These are often encountered in the graphical representation of data where they are called *broken-line graphs*. A curve which can be represented by a figure which starts and stops at the same point is a *closed curve*. Furthermore, if the curve passes through no point twice, then it is called a *simple closed curve*. Notice that a simple closed curve does not necessarily have a "nice" shape, but only that it is closed and does not cross itself. In the examples below, all are curves; (a), (c), and (d) are closed curves; (a) and (c) are simple closed curves.



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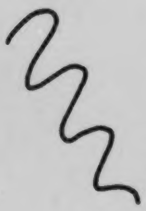

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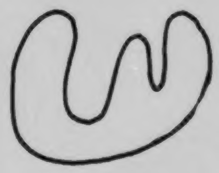

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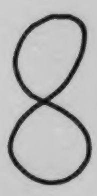
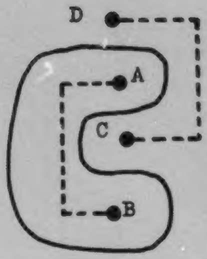
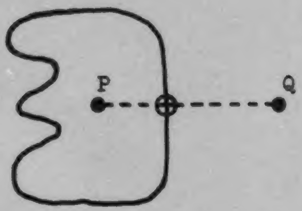


(d)

A property of simple closed curves, that seems intuitively obvious, is that such a curve separates the plane into exactly two regions giving three subsets of the plane. Any two points in the interior, such as A and B in the figure below, may be joined by a broken-line curve that does not cross the simple closed curve. A similar statement holds for the exterior and the points C and D. Also, the segment connecting any point of the interior, P, with any point of the exterior, Q, must intersect the curve at least once. This information is contained in the Jordan Curve Theorem which states that a simple closed curve separates the plane into exactly two regions.

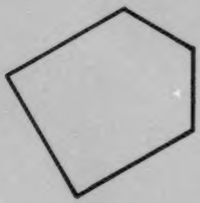




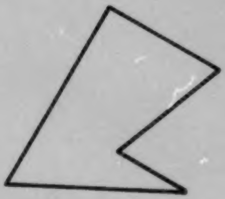
We refer to the curve itself as the boundary of the interior, or the boundary of the exterior. The interior is also called a region; the union of the interior with its boundary is called a closed region.

We may use the concept of simple closed curve to restate the definition of a triangle more concisely. "A triangle is a simple closed curve which is the union of three segments."

There are, of course, many kinds of simple closed curves. One important group of these, which includes the triangle is the set of polygons. A polygon is a simple closed plane curve composed of the union of line segments. As with triangles, we refer to the segments of polygons as sides; the angles determined by the sides are called the angles of the polygon; the vertices of the angles are called the vertices of the polygon. Polygons are either convex or concave.



convex polygon



concave polygon

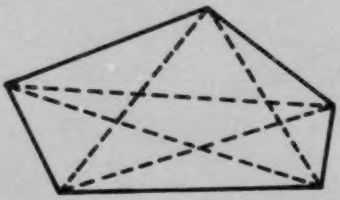
A polygon is said to be convex if each of its sides lies in the boundary of a halfplane which contains the rest of the polygon. If we think of extending any one side then the remainder of the polygon will be contained in only one of the resulting half planes.

Polygons are classified in several ways; one of the simplest is by the number of sides. Polygons with four sides are called quadrilaterals; polygons with fives sides are called pentagons. A few polygons with their names are listed below:

Name	Number of sides
Triangle	3
Quadrilateral	4
Pentagon	5
Hexagon	6
Heptagon	7
Octagon	8
Nonagon	9
Decagon	10

Other polygons have names, but such names are seldom used. A project many students find interesting is to discover names for as many polygons as possible, explaining the word stems.

A segment connecting any two non-adjacent vertices is called a diagonal of the polygon. Triangles have no diagonals while quadrilaterals have two. From the sketch below we see that a pentagon has five diagonals.



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6. Complete the following table and find a formula for the number of diagonals in a polygon of n sides, $n \geq 3$.

Number of sides	Number of diagonals
3	0
4	2
5	5
6	
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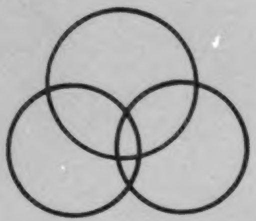
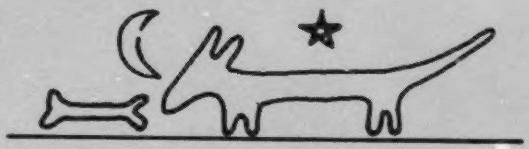
7. How many simple closed curves can you find in the figure below?

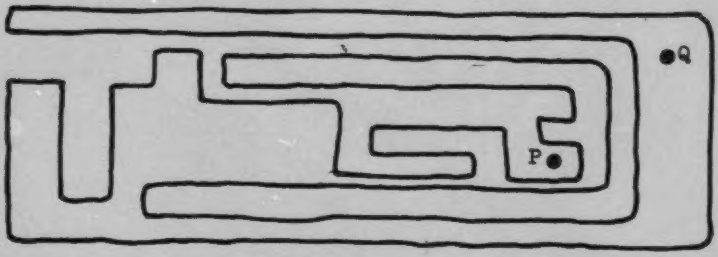


8. What is wrong with using the term "curved line"?

9. Identify each of the figures below as one of the following:
   a. closed curve, not simple
   b. curve, not closed
   c. simple closed curve



10. Are P and Q in the interior or exterior of the curve below?

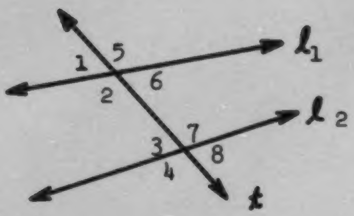


11. What connection does the Jordan Curve Theorem have with the problem in the introduction about the three houses and the three utilities?

12. Must the diagonals of a polygon always lie in the interior of the polygon?

11.3 Transversals, Parallels, and Parallelograms

When two lines in a plane are both intersected by a third line, then the third line is called a transversal. Such a situation is shown below where line t is the transversal.

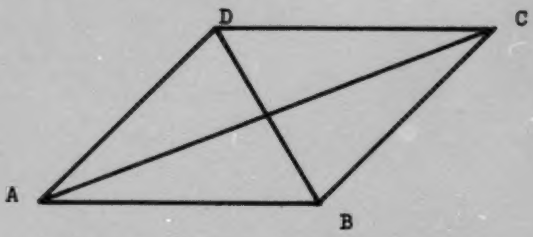


Here the angles have been identified by the use of numerals written in the interior of the angles. This is a use of numerals that we have not encountered before. They are being used as labels or names, much as a Social Security number, room number, or a telephone number can be used as a name.

Many of the pairs of angles formed by a transversal are encountered so often that we give them special names. Pairs of angles such as 1 and 3, are called *corresponding angles*. Angles 6 and 8 are also corresponding angles. Do you see two other pairs of corresponding angles?

Angles such as 3 and 6 are called *alternate-interior angles*. Can you see any rationale behind such a name?

When two pairs of parallel lines intersect, the figure formed by the resulting segments is called a parallelogram. A parallelogram is also defined as a quadrilateral whose opposite sides lie on parallel lines. (Here *opposite* means non-intersecting.) We write ▱ ABCD for parallelogram ABCD.



In the figure above segments $\overline{BD}$ and $\overline{AC}$ are diagonals of ▱ ABCD. Parallelograms and their properties will be considered again in Chapter 12.

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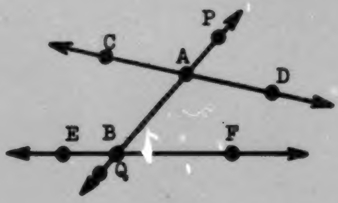


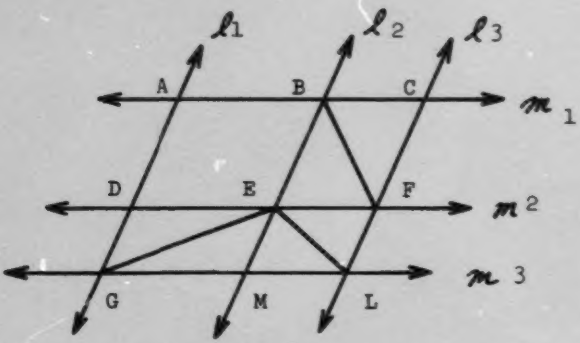
13. Using the figure above, name:

   a. four pairs of corresponding angles

   b. two pairs of alternate-interior angles

   c. four pairs of vertical angles

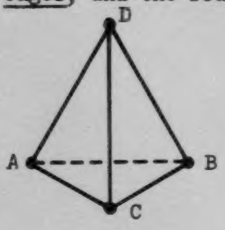
14. If ℓ_1, ℓ_2, and ℓ_3 are parallel and m_1, m_2, and m_3 are parallel, find a parallelogram which is partially in the interior of another parallelogram. How many parallelograms can you see in the figure? How many diagonals? Triangles?



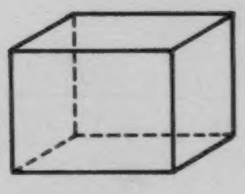
11.4 Solids

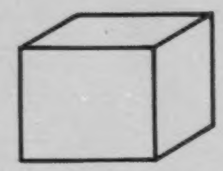
We have examined many subsets of the plane, such as lines, angles, triangles, and polygons. There are various other subsets of space, not subsets of a plane, that we will consider. If we use our lines and planes as building blocks, a variety of solids may be formed.

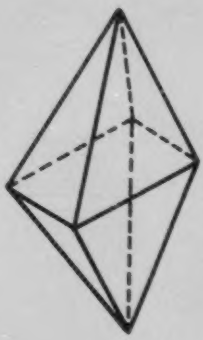
By Property 3 of the last chapter, we know that any three non-collinear points determine a unique plane. A fourth point not in the plane of the first three will determine a space figure called the tetrahedron. We may define a tetrahedron as the union of the four triangular regions determined by four points in space, not in the same plane. In tetrahedron ABCD below, the four points A, B, C, and D are called the vertices, the segments $\overline{AB}$, $\overline{AC}$, $\overline{AD}$, $\overline{BC}$, $\overline{BD}$, and $\overline{CD}$ are called edges, and the four triangular regions formed are called faces.

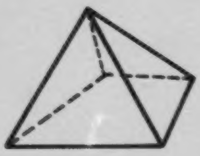


The tetrahedron is an example of a class of three dimensional objects known as polyhedrons. Other representations of polyhedrons are shown below.







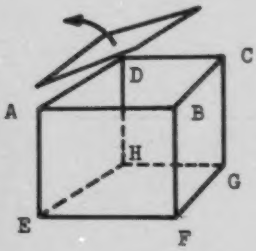


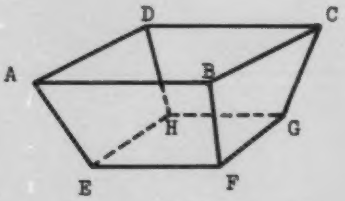
Just as polygons separate the plane, polyhedrons separate space. Space is divided into three subsets, the interior of the polyhedron, the exterior, and the polyhedron itself.

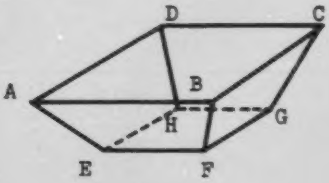
Polyhedrons of the type shown, are called simple polyhedrons and have an interesting relationship among the vertices, edges, and faces. If you will count them in each of the preceding figures, you will find that the sum of the number of vertices and faces is two more than the number of edges. This relationship, $V - E + F = 2$, is known as Euler's formula. This fact is very surprising, and students find it interesting to verify with various solids.

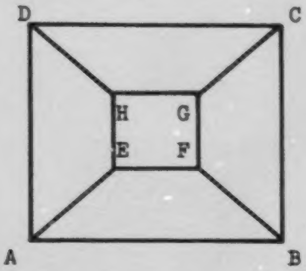
An intuitive proof of Euler's formula may proceed along the following lines. Consider a polyhedron and remove one face leaving the edges and vertices unchanged. Thus, if originally $V - E + F$ is a constant, say n, then removing one face gives $V - E + F = k$, where $k = n - 1$, and now we wish to find k. If we think of the polyhedron made of rubber or some very deformable plastic, we may open it out about the missing face so that a plane surface made of polygons results. Although these polygons may be shaped differently than the faces of the original polyhedron, they will be the same in number, and they will have the same number of vertices, edges, and faces. Thus, the numerical value of $V - E + F$ remains unchanged. The argument in the following paragraphs is applied to the cube as a specific example. Notice however that at no step does the argument depend upon any special properties of the cube but applies to simple polyhedra in general.

Removing a face and "opening out" the cube results in the following transformation. We in effect remove the "top" and "flatten out" the remainder to give the plane figure ABCD shown. Notice that although the shapes change, the number of vertices, edges, and faces remains the same. The value of $V - E + F$ is still $\underline{k}$.

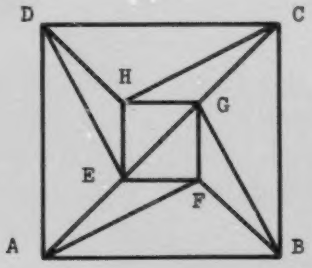




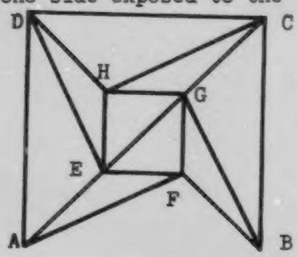




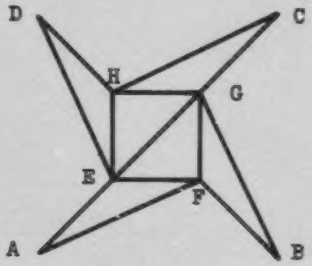
If we draw diagonals in each polygon to subdivide the polygon into triangles, the value of $V - E + F$ remains unchanged, for each diagonal adds one edge and one face. Adding 1 to each of E and F does not affect the total $V - E + F$.



Any triangle like $\triangle ABF$ which has only one side exposed to the "outside" may be removed by deleting side $\overline{AB}$.

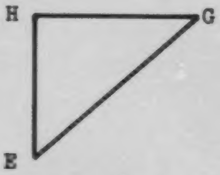


This type of deletion does not change V - E + F for we have decreased both E and F by 1. We may also remove $\overline{BC}$, $\overline{CD}$, and $\overline{AD}$ to give the following:



Deleting a triangle such as $\triangle$ AEF, by removing $\overline{AE}$ and $\overline{AF}$, also leaves V - E + F unchanged for this decreases V by 1, E by 2, and F by 1.

One or the other of these two methods of deleting triangles may be carried out until only a single triangle remains. The value, k, of V - E + F has still not changed and at this point we resort to counting.



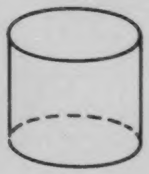
Here we see that V = 3, E = 3 and F = 1 so that V - E + F = k = 1, and since k = n - 1, n = 2. Again recall that the same result would occur had we started with any simple polyhedron other than the cube.

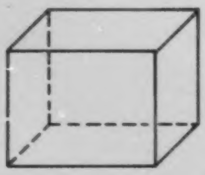
Sometimes this formula is referred to as Descartes' formula since he seems to have preceded Euler in discovering it. The number of vertices and faces of any simple polyhedron is two more than the number of edges.

V - E + F = 2

Other Solids

You are familiar with cylinders and prisms like the ones shown below.

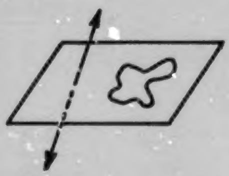




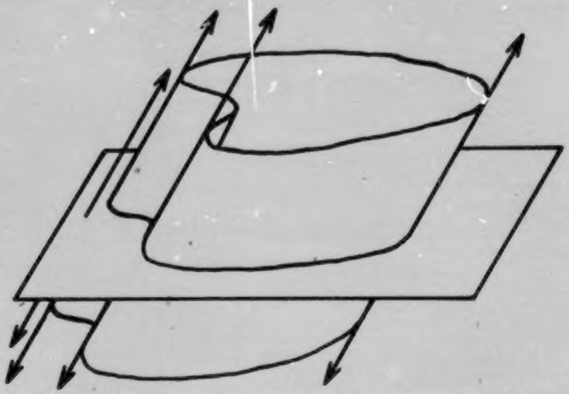
These are examples of special kinds of geometrical solids to be considered in more detail by students who continue to study mathematics. Instead of treating each individual solid as unique, mathematicians use general and broad definitions to encompass whole categories. Here we will indicate a more general development of cylinders and prisms.

Let us examine how such solids may be formed.

Consider any simple closed curve in a plane and a line not parallel to the plane.

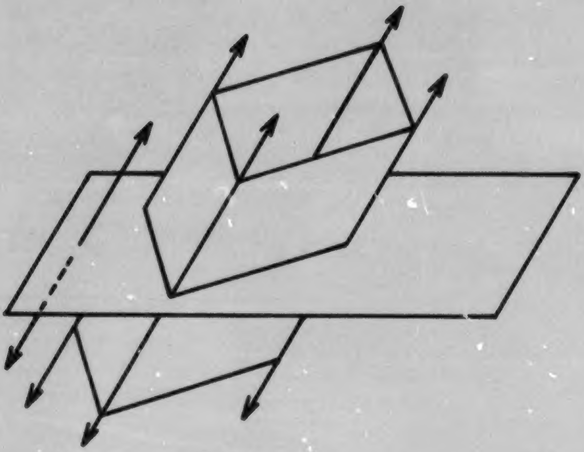


All lines parallel to the original line and passing through the curve will form what is called a cylindrical surface.



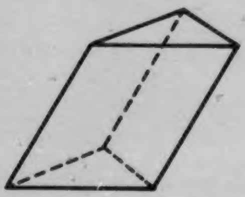
Notice first that the use of the word cylindrical does not imply circular in cross-section. This is another common word used in a broader sense than we normally use it. Second, since this surface is made up of lines, it extends indefinitely in both directions. The definition here includes the case where cross-sections are circular, such as represented by a cardboard mailing tube. In junior high school most examples will be special cases of the more general definition given above. Future work however makes it convenient to have a general definition of this nature.

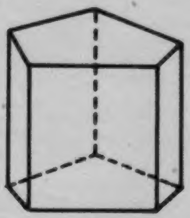
The simple closed curve that gives the surface its shape could be a polygon, but the surface is still called a cylindrical surface.



When two parallel planes intersect such a surface, that portion of the surface between the planes, together with the regions cut from the planes, forms a prism. If the cross-section is not a polygon but some other closed curve, we get what is commonly called a cylinder. (Other definitions of prisms and cylinders that use the concept of congruence are sometimes given in geometry books.)

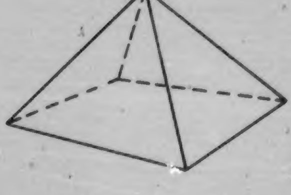
The polygons in the two parallel planes are called bases. Prisms are often classified by their bases. Thus, we have triangular prisms, hexagonal prisms, and so on.

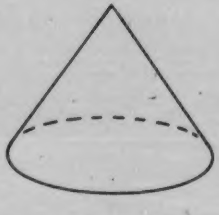




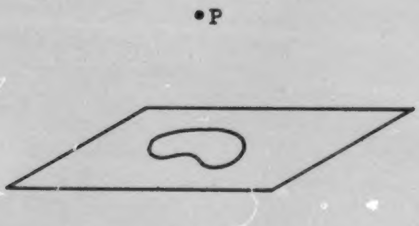
Other classifications are possible and some will be taken up later when we consider volume and area.

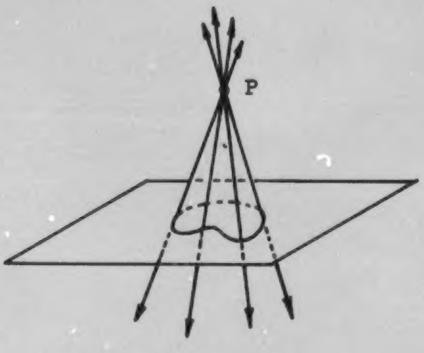
We may also treat the familiar cone and pyramid shown below as special cases of a more general classification.





Starting with a simple closed curve in a plane, a point P not in the plane, and all lines through the point and the curve, a surface is generated as shown.

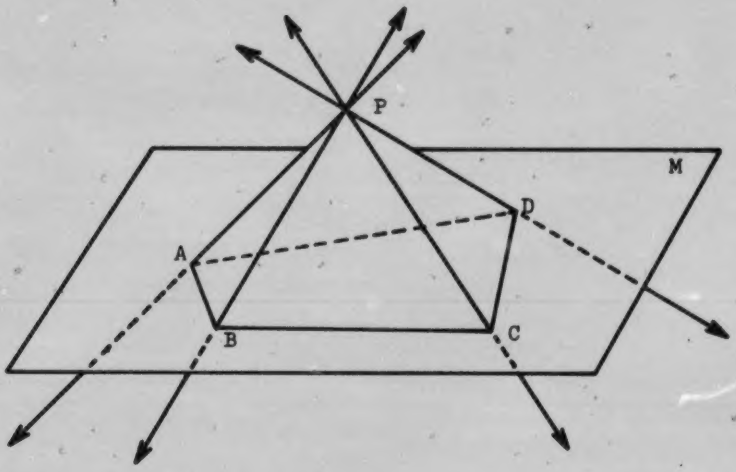




Such a surface is called a conical surface.

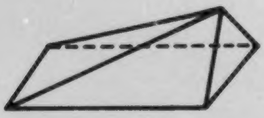
Notice that again we are using a word, in this case conical, in a more general sense than is usual in everyday language. Common usage of conical implies circular, although this is not the case with our use in mathematics. The general case above, however, certainly includes the common conception of a conical surface as a circular cone. This occurs when the simple closed curve is a circle.

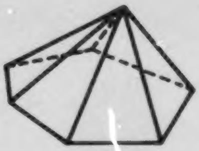
In the following sketch the simple closed curve is shown as a polygon.



Actually, the conical surface continues indefinitely in both directions. It consists of two pieces with only one point in common. These pieces are called nappes. The second nappe, not shown in the figure, occurs inverted and above the point P.

If the intersection of one of these nappes and a plane is a polygon, then the resulting closed surface is called a pyramid. In the figure above we see pyramid PABCD. The point P is called the apex if the pyramid, polygon ABCD is called the base of the pyramid. A tetrahedron is also an example of a pyramid. The familiar circular cone is formed when the intersection is not a polygon but a circle. Like prisms, pyramids are classified by their bases. The tetrahedron is a triangular pyramid. A rectangular and hexagonal pyramid are shown below.





The construction of cardboard or stiff paper models of many of the above prisms and pyramids is instructional for students and they find it very enjoyable. Some patterns are given in the SMSG Mathematics for Junior High School, Volumes I and II. These solids may be used in counting edges, vertices, and faces, in verifying Euler's formula, and are very helpful in developing space perceptions.

Class Exercises

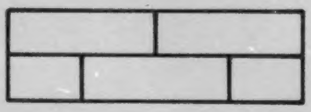
15. If a plane cuts a pyramid between the apex and the base, that portion of the pyramid which does not include the apex is called a truncated pyramid. Sketch a truncated pyramid with a hexagonal base.
16. Sketch the pattern for a triangular prism.
17. Does a cylindrical surface separate space into two subsets?
18. Does a conical surface separate space into two subsets?

11.5 Side Trips (Optional)

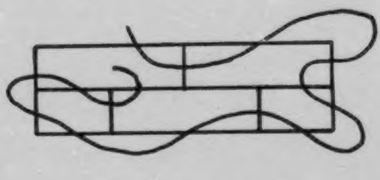
There are a variety of side trips in geometry that are non-metric in nature. Many of these are of a puzzle nature, and although they can be cast in a humorous vein, they are important on another level.

One of these problems that is related to the Koenigsberg Bridges problem is the following:

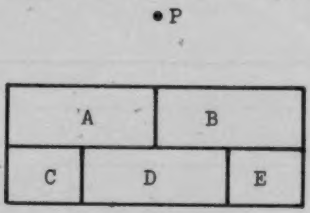
Draw a continuous line cutting each segment exactly once.

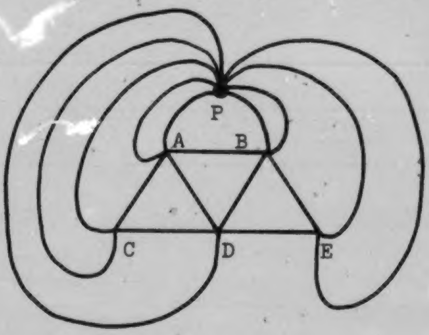


This seems to be a simple problem and indeed it is simple to state; however, its solution is elusive. A first effort such as the following,

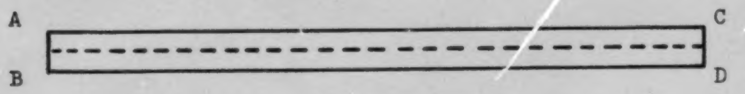


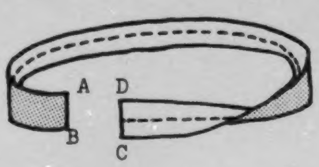
seems to need only a little change to be successful. However, such changes always seem to require other adjustments. Students find this problem very challenging and enjoy seeking a solution. Actually, a solution is not possible as may be shown by treating it as a unicursal problem. Think of each crossing of a segment as a path, and let each region shrink to a point. If we letter the enclosed regions A, B, C, D, and E, and the exterior P, then drawing the required line is equivalent to tracing the figure below without lifting your pencil and without retracing a segment. Then it becomes a network which may be examined for odd and even vertices. Points A, B, D, and P are all odd. Recalling from the introduction that no pattern with more than two odd vertices can be traced we conclude the problem is impossible.





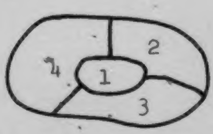
A peculiar object that contradicts many of our common notions about surfaces, and edges, is the Moebius Strip. This is made from a strip of paper, made into a loop by giving one end a twist before fastening.





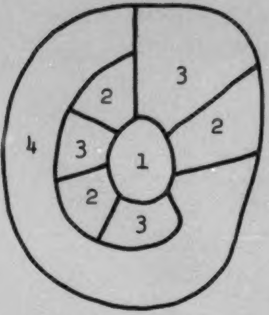
If you attempt to color "one" side of the Moebius Strip, you will discover that it has only one side! Also, following one edge will show that it has only a single edge! A still more surprising result occurs when you (or students) attempt to cut it into two pieces along the dotted line. You will also find it interesting to investigate what happens when you cut one-third of the way in from one edge. A Sunday newspaper, a roll of scotch tape, and a pair of scissors will provide many interesting questions about a Moebius Strip.

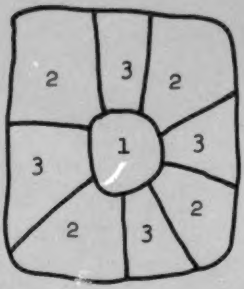
Another problem that is easy to pose and has been tackled by mathematicians without success for many years is the four-color map problem. The problem is the following: "What is the minimum number of colors necessary to color a map so that no two adjacent countries have the same color? It is easy to draw a map that will require four colors.

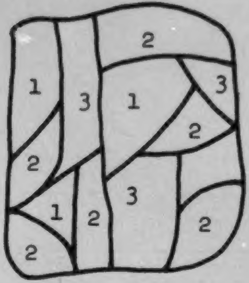


Here numerals have been used to designate colors.

It is generally believed that 4 colors are sufficient to color any map, but as yet no proof of this conjecture has been given. Neither has anyone been able to draw a map that would require more than 4 colors. Following are some maps and a way of coloring them with 4, or fewer, colors.







Junior high school students enjoy drawing such maps and attempting to color them in four colors or less. They also enjoy challenging you to color such maps. With a little practice, you can color most maps in a few minutes.

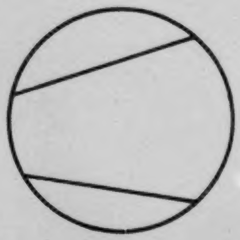
A discussion of this problem, which at present has neither proof nor disproof, provides a good opportunity to explore with students the difference between proof in general, and drawing conclusions by examining many cases. The fact that it seems possible to color all maps we may draw does not imply that we will be able to so color all maps in the future. You may also discuss the importance of a single counter example, which is sufficient to prove a statement false. Such a discussion will help to illuminate the statement attributed to Albert Einstein regarding his theory of relativity, "No number of observations will ever prove me correct: a single observation may prove me wrong."

11.6 Conclusion

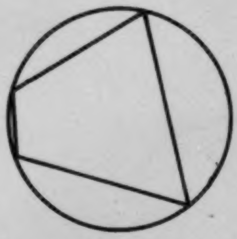
In this chapter and in the preceding one we have looked at aspects of geometry that were not dependent upon measurement or distance. Thus, many of the geometrical facts familiar to you have been omitted. We have seen no equilateral triangles, no congruent figures, no rectangles, no right angles, etc. The next two chapters, however, will consider many of these ideas.

Neither have we established a theorem-proof sequence that you undoubtedly recall from your study of geometry. Our objective in seventh grade is not to teach deductive geometry or to develop an axiomatic system, but rather to provide the students with enough background so that their formal study of the subject will proceed more easily. In grade ten or wherever formal geometry is encountered, a careful logical study of the last two chapters (and the next two) will be undertaken. At that time a careful distinction between axioms and theorems will be made. An axiom, a statement accepted as true without proof, has much the same position as an undefined word. Theorems are statements that are established as true by proof, using axioms, definitions, undefined words, and previously established theorems. They roughly correspond to our definitions made from undefined words.

It is important to consider carefully the space over which our axioms are meaningful. For example, how would our geometry differ if we limited our "space" to a circle and its interior? All our axioms could remain unchanged, but the results would be quite different. Points would still be points, but would all be located on the circle or its interior. Instead of lines extending indefinitely, they would stop at the circle. How would "rays" and "angles" differ? If "parallel" lines are still defined as non-intersecting, how do they look in our new space? What can we say about any quadrilateral with its vertices on the circle? Is it a "parallelogram?"



"parallel" lines



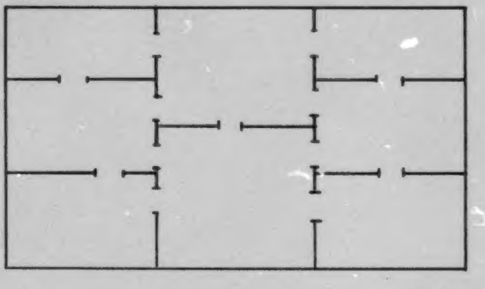
a "parallelogram"

Do every two intersecting lines form vertical angles? You might find it interesting to speculate about the differences between such a limited geometry and the one we are in the process of establishing.

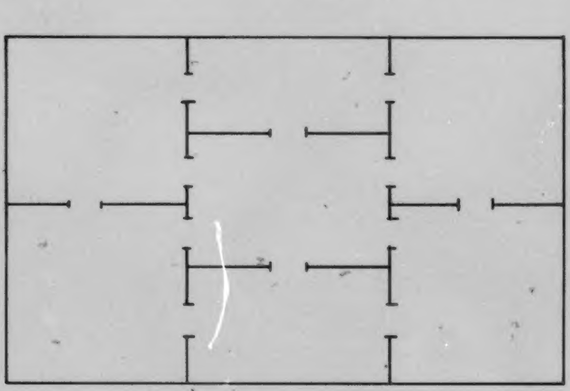
You will enjoy reading Flatland, A Romance in Two Dimensions, by E.A. Abbot. This is an interesting and amusing book describing a world of two dimensions peopled by geometrical figures. The hero is in jail for claiming to have talked to a mysterious voice from some higher dimension.

Class Exercise (Optional)

19. a. Is it possible to walk in the house with the floor plan below, passing through each door exactly once? If so, can you start in any room?

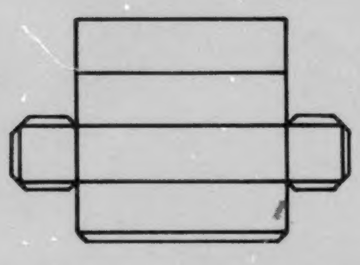


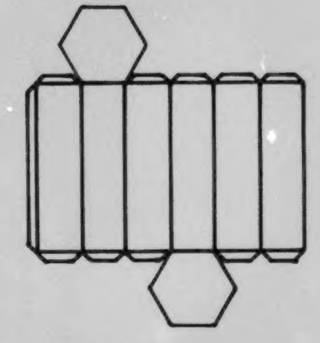
b. Answer the same questions for this plan.



Chapter Exercises

1. Redraw the patterns below on stiff paper and make models of the prisms. What are their names?





2. Which of the following are closed curves? Which are both closed and simple?

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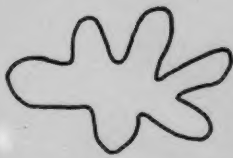

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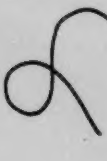

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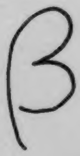

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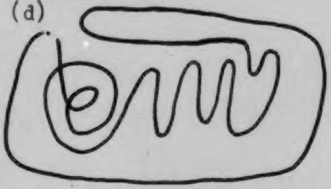
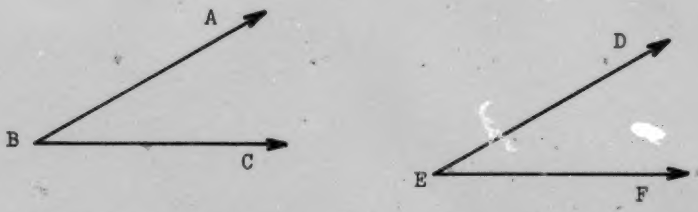
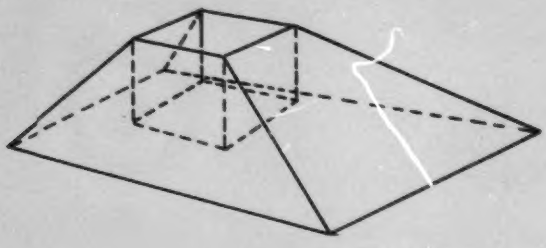


3. In the figure below is ∠ ABC = ∠ DEF ?



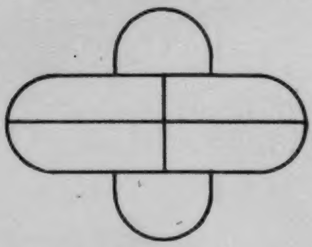
4. Draw the following:
   a. a closed curve which is not simple.
   b. a curve which is not closed but separates the plane into two regions.
   c. a curve which separates the plane into three regions.

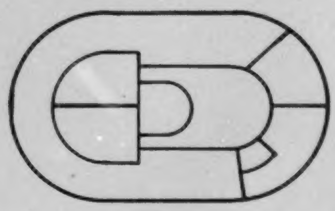
5. Does Euler's formula hold for the following solid?



6. Make a Moebius Strip with two twists instead of one and investigate its properties.

7. Color the following maps with as few colors as possible.





Answers to Class Exercises

1. The *exterior of an angle* is the set of all points of the plane that are neither in the interior of the angle nor on the angle.

   The *exterior of a triangle* is the set of all points of the plane that are neither in the interior of the triangle nor on the triangle.

   Other definitions may be given, but must be examined carefully to see whether they include or exclude any regions.

2. a. point E c. $\emptyset$ e. $\triangle$ BDE
   b. points B and C d. point B f. $\overline{AC}$ and point B

3. ($\angle$APB, $\angle$EPF); ($\angle$APD, $\angle$CPF); ($\angle$BPC, $\angle$DFE); ($\angle$APC, $\angle$DPF); (there are other pairs).

4. D - side of BE; A - side of CD; E - side of AF; (there are others).

5. $\overrightarrow{PE}$

6.

Number of Sides	Number of Diagonals
3	0
4	2
5	5
6	9
7	14
8	20
.	.
.	.
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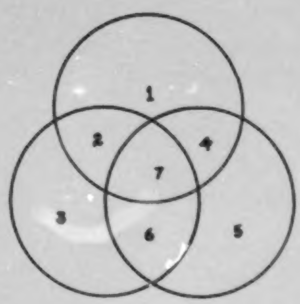
n	$\frac{1}{2}n(n-3)$

7. This question is intended only to provoke some thought on simple closed curves. It is interesting however to examine numbers of possible curves. From the Jordan Curve Theorem we know that any simple closed curve will bound some interior region. Thus we may examine the possible combinations of adjacent regions. Except for those that have only one point in common, every combination of adjacent regions is associated with a simple closed curve.



Thus region 1 is determined by a simple closed curve, as are the double combinations 1-2 and 1-4. The pair 1-7 is eliminated, however, since they have only one point in common and would not therefore result from a simple closed curve. The following combinations of three regions also result from such curves: 1-2-3, 1-2-7, 1-4-5, 1-4-7, 1-2-4. Analysis of this nature, taking advantage of symmetry where possible will reveal that there are 63 simple closed curves contained in the original figure.

8. The word "line" was used only with the connotation of straight, thus the term "curved line" is probably a contradiction.

9. a. the "star"
   b. the line segment, the "moon"
   c. the "dog" or the "bone"

10. P is in the exterior; Q is in the interior.

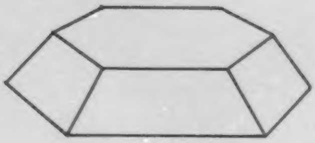
11. Before the last utility has been connected the other two have formed a simple closed curve with one house in the interior and one utility in the exterior.

12. No.

13. a. $\angle$CAP, $\angle$ABE
       $\angle$EBQ, $\angle$CAB
       $\angle$PAD, $\angle$ABF
       $\angle$QBF, $\angle$BAD
    b. $\angle$CAB, $\angle$ABF
       $\angle$BAD, $\angle$ABE
    c. $\angle$CAB, $\angle$PAD
       $\angle$CAP, $\angle$BAD
       $\angle$ABE, $\angle$QBF
       $\angle$ABF, $\angle$EBQ

14. ▱ DEMG is partially in ▱ACLG (other answers are possible).
There are nine parallelograms, three diagonals, and seven triangles.

15.



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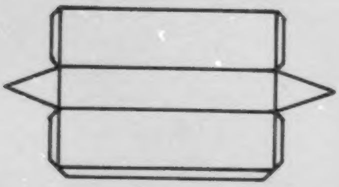
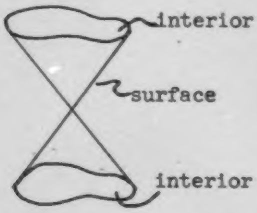


17. No, three subsets; the surface, its interior, and its exterior.

18. No, four subsets; the surface itself, an "exterior", and two "interiors".



What we most commonly think of as a cone, however, does separate space into three subsets.

19. a. Yes. Any path must start in one of the rooms with five doors and end in the other.

b. Not possible, since more than two rooms have an odd number of doors.

Chapter 12

MEASUREMENT

Introduction

In the last two chapters some of the non-metric properties of certain sets of points were developed. In this and the following chapter these ideas will be related to the physical world through measurement. Historically, geometry developed through the needs of man to measure and compare certain physical things in his environment. Even the word "geometry" came from words which meant "earth measure."

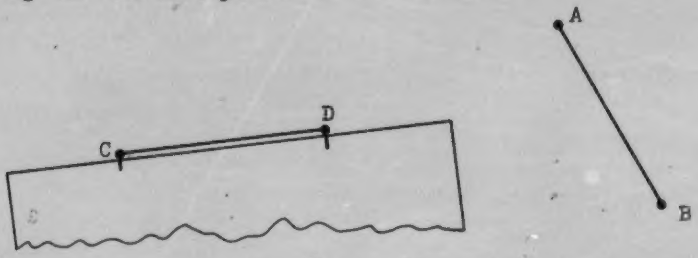
These chapters will not develop a rigorous explanation of measurement properties, but will attempt to furnish intuitive ideas of length, area, and volume concepts as presented in the SMSG Mathematics for Junior High School, Volume I. It is important that youngsters understand the approximate nature of measurement, the development of arbitrary units for measuring various physical objects, and the mathematical interpretation placed on these concepts. A major point to be made in this chapter is the fact that in measurement our units are completely arbitrary and although we are free to choose a variety of units, we ultimately settle on the most common standard units for convenience and ease of communication. Scientists are frequently confronted with measuring situations where it is more convenient to create a new unit than constantly work with very large multiples or very small parts of other units. The "light-year" and "Angstrom" are both units created to fill such special needs.

Such common questions as "How many people went to the ball game?" or "How much meat shall I buy?" or "How fast can a jet travel?" have answers which are alike in one respect: They all involve numbers. Some of these answers are found by counting, while others are found by measuring.

The question "How many?" indicates that you are thinking of a set of objects and wish to know how many there are in the set. Such a set is called a discrete set. Questions as "How much?", "How long?", "How fast?", etc., are used to describe something thought of as all in one piece, without any breaks. Such a set is called a continuous set. Sets of people, houses, or animals are discrete sets; a rope, a road, or a flagpole are all thought of as being continuous since they are like models of line segments; you can count a number of line segments but you cannot count the number of all points on a line segment. A blackboard and a pasture may be thought of as sets of points enclosed by simple closed curves and as being continuous. Such sets of points are not counted; they are measured.

12.1 Congruence

The sizes of some continuous sets may be compared in various ways. For example, to compare segments $\overline{AB}$ and $\overline{CD}$, lay the edge of a piece of paper along $\overline{CD}$ and mark points C and D.



Place the edge of the paper along $\overline{AB}$ with point C on point A. If D is between A and B, $\overline{AB}$ is longer than $\overline{CD}$. If D falls on B, the segments have the same length. If B is between C and D, $\overline{CD}$ is longer than $\overline{AB}$.

Of course, we need to recognize here that what we are really doing is idealizing this situation. It is impossible to draw representations of two line segments so that they both have exactly the same length. This again is an abstract intuitive idea that should not become entangled with the physical representations. Students should realize the differences between abstract concepts and physical interpretations of these abstractions, that the drawings they make are only to help them interpret the mathematics they study.

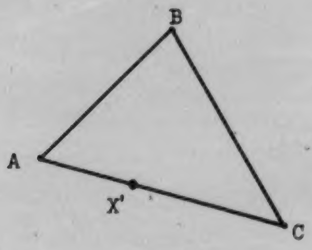
Let us return to the segments above and consider particularly the case where they both have the same length. When we write $4 = 2 + 2$, we mean that "4" and "2 + 2" are two names for the same number. When we write $\overline{AB} = \overline{CD}$, we mean that $\overline{AB}$ and $\overline{CD}$ are two names for the same segment; that is, the two segments are the same set of points. If $\overline{AB}$ and $\overline{CD}$ have the same length but are not the same set of points, our definition of equality does not allow us to say they are equal. They are equal only in size and shape. We use the word congruent to describe this relationship. The symbol denoting congruence is " $\cong$ ", and we may now write: $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$. This is read: "Segment $\overline{AB}$ is congruent to segment $\overline{CD}$." If we wish to say that the lengths of the two segments are the same, we may use the notation "AB" for the length of segment $\overline{AB}$, and write $AB = CD$. Here we mean that the length of $\overline{AB}$ is the same as the length of $\overline{CD}$. This use of the word "congruent" is an extension of the use you probably remember from high school geometry where "congruent" almost always referred to triangles. The meaning here is basically the same as with triangles and is the same meaning students will encounter when they study formal geometry. Congruent means equal in size and shape.

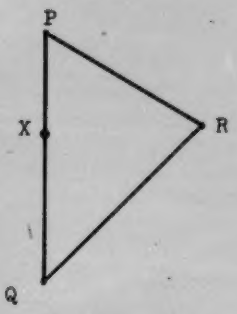
In working with the above segments we tacitly assumed the following properties of continuous sets of points, which, along with one more property (stated later), are the bases of measurement.

1. Motion Property. Geometric figures may be moved without changing their size or shape.
2. Comparison Property. The sizes of two geometric quantities may be compared provided these quantities have the same nature.
3. Matching Property. Two geometric quantities have the same size if every part of one can be made to coincide to a part of the second so that no part of either figure is omitted.

These are some of the properties that enable the students to relate the abstractions of geometry to the physical world, and we should be aware that these need to be pointed out to them as the measuring process is utilized.

In elementary school mathematics, students make models and tracings of geometric figures and test for congruence by determining whether two figures have the same "size and shape" by superimposition. In junior high school the ground work is being laid for a more formal definition of congruence that will occur in a deductive geometry course in high school. For example, two spheres may be "congruent", but imposing one sphere on another doesn't make much sense. From the idea of superimposition let us try to move to a more formal definition of congruence.





Suppose △ PRQ can be superimposed on △ ABC with R falling on B, P on A, and Q on C. Then there exists a one-to-one correspondence between △ PRQ and △ ABC, each point of △ PRQ corresponding to that point of △ ABC which it "covers" when △ PRQ is superimposed on △ ABC. For example, the point X would correspond to the point X' under this correspondence. But it is not enough simply to say that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between △ PRQ and △ ABC. Something else is also involved in the notion of congruence. *Distances must be preserved.* Suppose $\triangle PRQ$ is superimposed on $\triangle ABC$ as indicated by the following diagram.

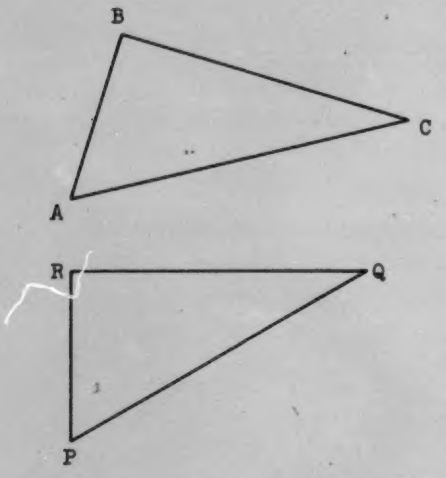
$$P \longleftrightarrow A$$
$$R \longleftrightarrow B$$
$$Q \longleftrightarrow C$$

(Note: The double-headed arrow shows that vertex P of $\triangle PRQ$ corresponds to the vertex A of $\triangle ABC$, and that A corresponds to P, etc.)

Then for *any* two points of $\triangle PRQ$, the distance between them (i.e., the length of the segment joining them) must be the same as the distance between the two points of $\triangle ABC$ to which they correspond. As examples, the distance between R and X must be the same as the distance between B and X' ($RX = BX'$), the distance between Q and P must be the same as that between C and A ($QP = CA$). These considerations lead us now to our definition:

> Two sets of points are said to be *congruent* provided that there is a one-to-one correspondence between them that preserves distance.

By naming our triangles carefully, we can see immediately the corresponding parts. Again considering the two triangles in the figure, we may show the correspondence as follows:



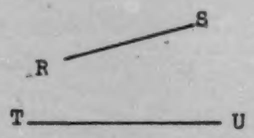
Given: $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle PRQ$

$$A \longleftrightarrow P$$
$$B \longleftrightarrow R$$
$$C \longleftrightarrow Q$$

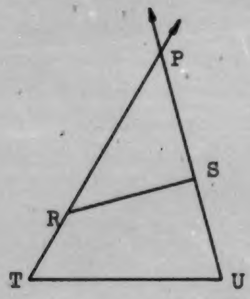
$$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{PR}$$
$$\overline{AC} \cong \overline{PQ}$$
$$\overline{BC} \cong \overline{RQ}$$

$$\angle A \cong \angle P$$
$$\angle B \cong \angle R$$
$$\angle C \cong \angle Q$$

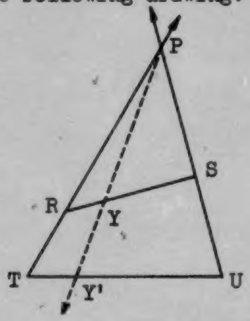
The importance of the preservation of distance for congruence needs to be stressed because it is possible to establish a one-to-one correspondence between two sets of points that does not preserve distance. For example, $\overline{RS}$ and $\overline{TU}$ below may be put into a one-to-one correspondence in the following manner:



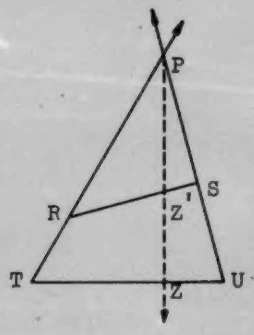
Draw $\overrightarrow{TR}$ and $\overrightarrow{US}$ and call the intersection of these rays P, as in the figure below.



Now for any point Y on $\overline{RS}$ a corresponding point Y' may be found by drawing $\overrightarrow{PY}$, as in the following drawing.

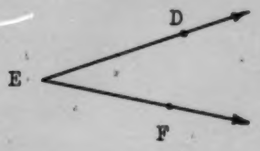


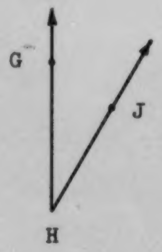
Likewise, for any point Z on $\overline{TU}$, a corresponding point Z' on $\overline{RS}$ may be located as the intersection of $\overline{ZP}$ and $\overline{RS}$. This is shown in the following drawing.



This shows that for each point on one line there is a unique point on the other line, and vice versa. Therefore, a one-to-one correspondence between all the points on $\overline{RS}$ and all the points on $\overline{TU}$ has been established, even though distance has not been preserved.

With two congruent angles it is possible to set up more than one correspondence. Given, $\angle DEF \cong \angle GHJ$,



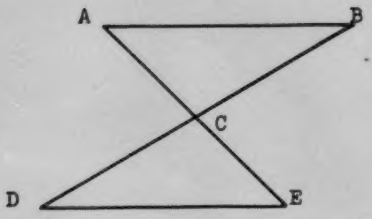


we see that $\angle DEF \cong \angle GHJ$ or $\angle DEF \cong \angle JHG$. Remember, as long as the middle letter names the vertex, the order of the letters for naming an angle is immaterial. Also we have not said that $\angle DEF$ equals $\angle GHJ$. If we do this, then we are probably talking about the measures of these angles as being the same number and will show this as $m(\angle DEF) = m(\angle GHJ)$, where "$m(\angle DEF)$" is a number indicating the measure of the angle. Here, as in segments, we are making a distinction between the angle and its measure. Even though we have not discussed "measuring" angles yet, we probably have assumed the following statement and its converse: "If two angles are congruent, then their measures are equal."

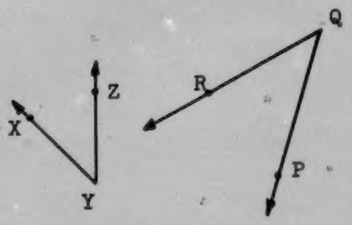
Our definition of congruence is a more sophisticated idea than we would expect seventh graders to accept, but it is the idea for which teachers of these students are laying the groundwork. By cutting, superimposing, measuring, and comparing various models of sets of points, students discover certain characteristics of segments, lines, angles, polygons, and solids. We will consider some of these in this chapter and the next.

Class Exercises

1. Given the figure with the two triangles congruent, list the corresponding parts.



2. How would you test whether $\angle XYZ$ is congruent to $\angle PQR$? Does congruence of angles depend on the length of the sides of the angles? Explain.



3. If the three sides of one triangle are congruent respectively to the three sides of another triangle, do you think the two triangles are congruent? Explain your reasoning.

4. If the three angles of one triangle are congruent respectively to the three angles of another triangle, do you think the two triangles are congruent? Explain your reasoning.

12.2 The Nature of Measurement

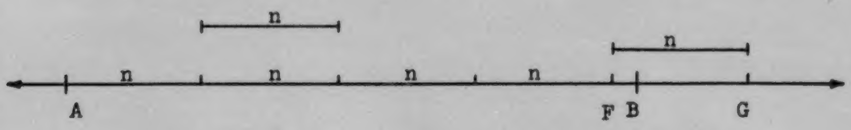
We have said that there are some sets of points, called continuous sets, which require measuring and for which counting as such is inappropriate. Answers may be given in terms of whole numbers or they may involve rational numbers, but these answers are not absolutely precise. The accuracy of the number used in the physical measurement process is restricted by unevenness in the object measured, by the measuring instrument we use, and by our own approximation to an answer. Therefore, we say that all measurement of physical objects is *approximate*.

We used the motion, comparison, and matching properties from Section 1 to develop an intuitive idea of congruence. These three properties, together with a fourth, the *Subdivision Property*, are the basis for measurement.

> 4. *Subdivision Property*. A geometric continuous figure or set may be subdivided.

If a segment $\overline{AB}$ is subdivided by a point C so that $\overline{AC} \cong \overline{CB}$, then the length of $\overline{AC}$ is one half the length of $\overline{AB}$.

$\overline{AB}$ may be subdivided in other ways so as to compare the length of one segment with the length of another segment. Suppose a segment is chosen of any length less than the length of $\overline{AB}$; call the length of the segment: "n".



Beginning at a point A in the figure above, a segment of length n is marked off 4 times so that $\overline{AF}$ is of length 4n. The symbol "4n" means "four times as long as the segment of length n." It is said that the length of $\overline{AB}$ is approximately equal to 4n, rather than to 5n, because B falls closer to F than to G. A symbol for the words "is approximately equal to" is a wavy equal sign like this: " ≈ ". We may write in symbols $AB \approx 4n$ and read it as: "The length of segment AB is approximately equal to 4n."

Notice how these symbols are used:

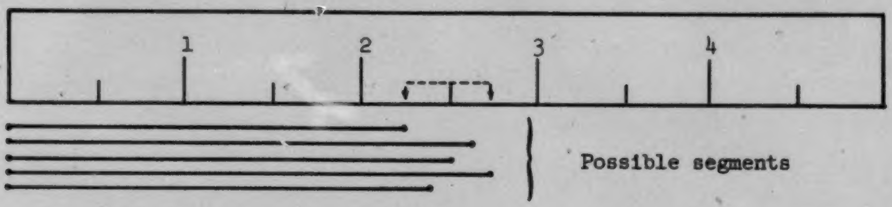
4 is the measure,
n is the unit of measurement,
4n is the length.

In the example above, we picked an arbitrary unit "n" which we used to measure $\overline{AB}$, but we could have used any unit of length. Man first began comparing and measuring physical objects by choosing some convenient unit. Often this was some part of his body and was quite satisfactory for his primitive culture. But as tribes and countries began to trade with each other, a need for more standardized units became necessary, and the head of a country might decree that the "standard unit" would be "the distance from the tip of his nose to the tip of his middle finger," or some such unit as this. Even today the system commonly used in English-speaking countries is based on these primitive body measures.

In the past, disagreements about linear units became so common that a group of French scientists with representatives from many countries established an international set of measures. This group developed the metric system which discarded the old units and based all units on the distance from the North Pole to the equator. The meter is the basic unit of length in the metric system. (The meter was planned to be one ten-millionth of the distance along a meridian from the North Pole to the equator, but recently an international congress of scientists defined the meter in relation to the wave length of a certain color of light.) The metric system is used by most scientists in the world and is in common use in all countries except those in which English is the main language spoken. We will consider the metric system in more detail in the next chapter. However, the history of measurement is interesting to junior high students and can be correlated with social study units quite effectively.

Another aspect to be considered is what is meant when we say an object is 6 feet long. We will adopt the convention that we mean the length is closer to this number than to any other comparable one. In other words, we say that the object is closer to 6' than to 5' or to 7'; that the "true" length is between 5.5' and 6.5'. The greatest possible difference between the asserted length and the "true" length is not more than one-half the unit used for measuring (in this case, $\frac{1}{2}$ foot). This one-half unit is called the greatest possible error.

As another example, assume a measurement is given as $2\frac{1}{2}$ ", measured to the nearest half inch. The real length then lies between $2\frac{1}{4}$ " and $2\frac{3}{4}$ ", and the greatest possible error is $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ ", or $\frac{1}{4}$ ". A diagram may be helpful here. Note that we say the length of each of the segments below is $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, when measured to the nearest half inch.



Sometimes the form, $2\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{4}$ in., is used where the "$\pm \frac{1}{4}$" indicates the greatest possible error. This shows that the object was measured to the nearest $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Another way to write this would be $2\frac{2}{4}$ ", not changing the fraction to lowest terms, although the first method is usually preferred.

The precision in any measurement is shown by naming the smallest unit used. Thus in the example above the measurement is made with a precision of one-half inch, or is precise to the nearest one-half inch. Greatest possible error, however, is the greatest possible difference between the real length of a segment and the measurement stated. Greater precision is obtained by using an instrument whose units are subdivided by fractions with greater denominators. Measurements made with a ruler marked in eighths are more precise than those made with a ruler marked in fourths. A micrometer is an example of a precision instrument whose subdivisions are named by fractions with denominators of 100, 1000, and 10,000. Constant efforts to develop better precision instruments are being made by industry because of the increasing need for very close tolerances.

We can see some of the ramifications of precision and greatest possible error when we use measurements in various computations. Let us say that we have two line segments, both measured to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ inch: $2\frac{3}{4} \pm \frac{1}{8}$ inches and $4\frac{1}{4} \pm \frac{1}{8}$ inches, respectively. We would like to find the sum of the measurements or the length of the two segments when placed end to end. We could lay these segments end to end and measure them, but suppose we decide to add the numbers $2\frac{3}{4}$ and $4\frac{1}{4}$. We have made some computations revealing the greatest possible error of the sum:

Least Value	Reported Measure	Greatest Value
$2\frac{5}{8}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{7}{8}$
$\underline{4\frac{1}{8}}$	$\underline{4\frac{1}{4}}$	$\underline{4\frac{3}{8}}$
$6\frac{3}{4}$	7	$7\frac{1}{4}$

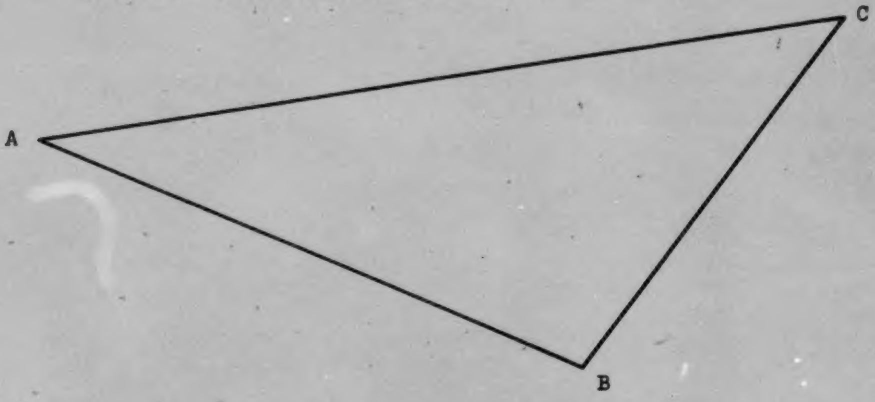
Thus the sum 7 really has the greatest possible error of $\frac{1}{4}$ and is not as precise as our original measurements. A further discussion of computation with approximate data will be found in the next chapter.

Finally we should note that some problems of measurement are psychological in nature. For example, what does a youngster mean when he says that his age is 12? What does a woman mean when she says that she is 39 years old?

Class Exercises

5. If a length is reported as $5\frac{2}{4}$ inches, the true length must be between _____ and _____. The greatest possible error is _____.

6. a. Measure the lengths of each side of the triangle to the nearest 16th inch and express your answer in two ways.



b. Add the numbers representing the measures and indicate the greatest possible error of this sum.

7. Indicate the measure and the unit for each of the following measurements.

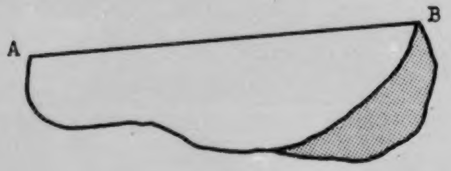
a. 3 feet
b. 17 pounds
c. 24 hours
d. 16 ounces

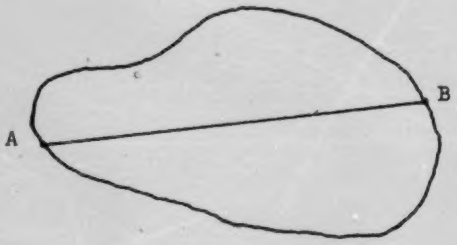
12.3 Angular Measure

Let us recall the definition of an angle: given two different rays $\overrightarrow{AB}$ and $\overrightarrow{AC}$ not on the same line, with common endpoint A, $\overrightarrow{AB} \cup \overrightarrow{AC} = \angle BAC$. We need to devise a method for measuring an angle, and we will attack this essentially as we did measurement of segments. That is, (1) the unit for measuring a segment had to be a segment; (2) the segment to be measured was compared with unit segments; and (3) the measure of the segment was the number of unit segments into which it was subdivided. Similarly, we need a unit angle with which to compare the angle to be measured. The measure of an angle is associated with its interior. To measure an angle, its interior is subdivided by the unit angle.

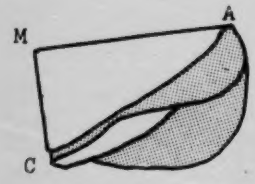
Students can select some arbitrary unit angle and in measuring various angles can review again many of the ideas of approximation in measurement. An easily obtained and simple unit angle to use is formed by folding a piece of paper as follows:

Fold it once to make a model of a line separating two half-planes. Call it $\overline{AB}$.



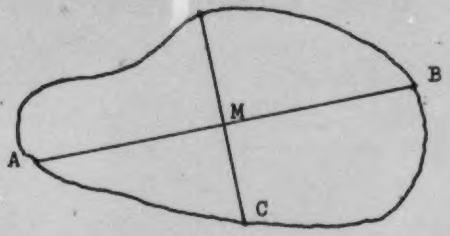


Choose a point M on $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ and fold through M so that $\overleftrightarrow{MA}$ falls on $\overleftrightarrow{MB}$.



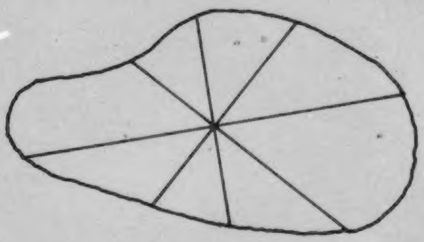
Then $\angle CMA$ is a model of a right angle.

If you unfold the paper, it will appear like this.



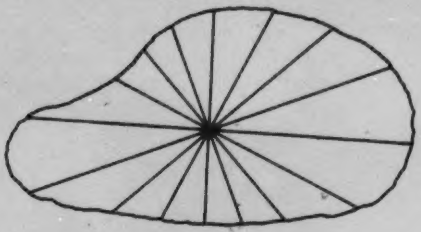
This shows four models of angles, all congruent, that together with their interiors fill the plane.

Refold the paper so that you again have a model of a single right angle. Now fold so that the rays represented by $\overline{AM}$ and $\overline{CM}$ coincide.



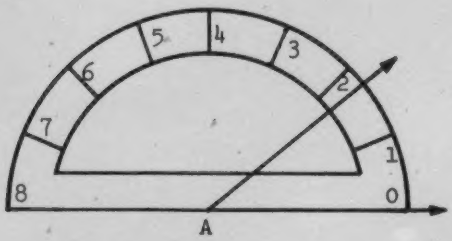
This provides us with a model of an angle such that any four successive angles with a common vertex will exactly fit in the half-plane.

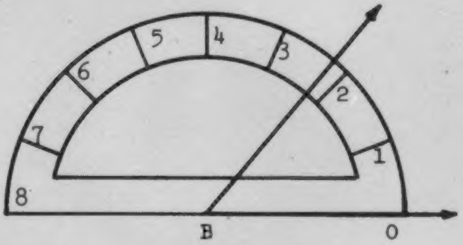
Refold your paper. Proceed to make one more fold as before. You now have a model of an angle, eight of which, successively placed with a common vertex, will exactly fit on the half-plane and its edge. The picture below shows a model of sixteen such angles. Since this is not a common unit, we might call it an "octon," since eight fill a half-plane.



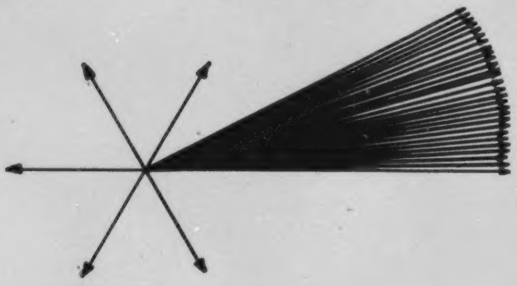
We may use eight of these octons as a simple protractor. Each ray of the successively marked-off octons may be associated with a whole number, taken in order from 0 to 8, to give a protractor with a scale on it suitable for use in measuring angles. It should be emphasized that the measure of an angle is a number. We read "$m(\angle ABC) = 7$" as "The measure of an angle ABC is seven." This statement of equality is permissible since the measure of angle ABC is a number.

Eventually the pupil recognizes that approximate readings of angle measures "to the nearest octon" lead him into a situation such as shown below in which both $\angle A$ and $\angle B$ (clearly not the same size) have a measure of 2, to the nearest octon.





The need for a smaller unit soon becomes apparent. The standard unit of angle measure most commonly used is the degree. Other units are used in more advanced or specialized work but will not be discussed here. The degree may be determined by a set of rays drawn from the same point on a line such that they determine 180 congruent angles. These 180 angles with their interior form a half-plane and its boundary, the line. Each of these angles is a standard unit angle. Its measurement is called one degree, and we write it 1°. When we speak of the size of an angle, we may say its size is 45°. However, if we wish to indicate the measure of the angle, we must realize that a measure is a number and say that its measure, in degrees, is 45. If we lay off 360 of these unit angles, using a single point as a common vertex, then these angles together with their interiors cover the entire plane.



Even in ancient Mesopotamian civilization the angle of 1° as the angle of unit measure was used. The selection of a unit angle which could be fitted into the plane just 360 times, (as above), was probably influenced by their calculation of the number of days in a year as 360. In this book we concern ourselves only with angles whose measures are between 0 and 180. Because of our definition of an angle, it is not possible to have an angle whose rays coincide or extend in a straight line.

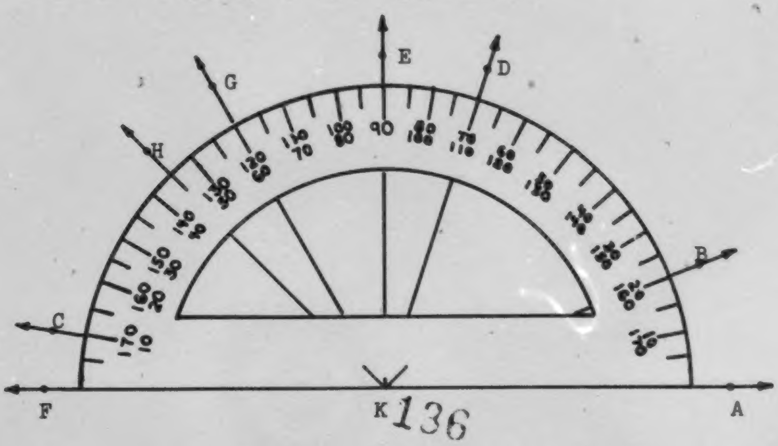
Thus the measurement of angles essentially becomes a process of determining how many times the given unit angle is contained in the given angle. What we are assuming, of course, is the existence of a one-to-one correspondence between all angles and all the numbers between 0 and 180. In fact, this very one-to-one correspondence is postulated in many new geometry books. The correspondence is similar to the one-to-one correspondence between all points on a line and all real numbers.

Remember that measurement is only approximate, and often it is difficult for youngsters to draw and measure angles precise to 1°. The markings on a standard protractor are closely spaced, and the width of the side of a model of an angle may fill the space between two of these markings. Therefore, when a measurement of an $\angle ABC$ is given as 65 degrees, it should be indicated as: $m(\angle ABC) \approx 65$. Protractors of clear plastic are available and are quite effective for demonstrations on the overhead projector.

An exercise that students can do is to draw several angles, then find the measures, in "octons," of these angles. Using a protractor, the measures, in degrees, may also be found. Students also like to exchange papers and measure the angles their classmates have drawn.

Class Exercises

8. The sketch shows a protractor placed on a set of rays from point K. Find the measure, in degrees, of each angle named.



a. ∠AKB

b. ∠FKE

c. ∠AKC

d. ∠FKG

e. ∠AKD

f. ∠BKE

g. ∠CKD

h. ∠HKD

i. ∠DKB

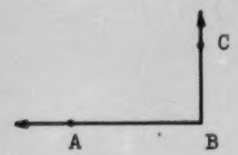
j. ∠HKC

12.4 Classification of Angles and Triangles

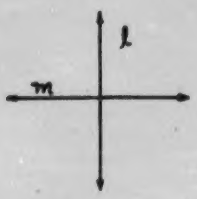
Now that we are more familiar with congruence and linear and angular measure, let us explore some geometrical facts related to ideas of distance and measurement. This section states many definitions already familiar to you but are given here for your reference. Seventh grade students sometimes encounter difficulties in visualizing all of the cases of a particular definition. We will attempt to point out some of these trouble spots in this section. Again, however, students need to have an intuitive feeling for the ideas presented here before they can verbalize them meaningfully.

We may now define a right angle as an angle whose measurement is 90 degrees, one whose size is less than 90 degrees as an acute angle, and one whose measure is more than 90 degrees as an obtuse angle. Notice that because the measure of an angle is associated with its interior, we do not need to say that an obtuse angle has a degree measure of less than 180.

When two lines intersect, they are perpendicular (symbol: ⊥) if one of the angles determined by the lines is a right angle. Line segments and rays are said to be perpendicular if the lines containing them are perpendicular. Observe several of the possibilities below. Students sometimes do not want to accept the conditions as displayed in (c) and (e). Two pieces of wire, or even pencils, representing segments, placed on the stage of an overhead projector, will often help to make this clear.



(a) $\overline{BA} \perp \overline{BC}$



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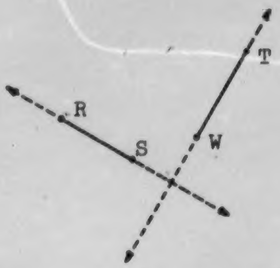
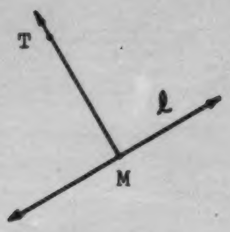
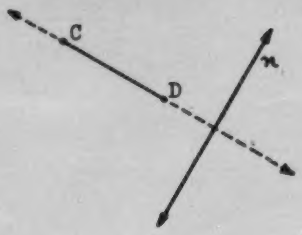


(c) $\overline{RS} \perp \overline{TW}$



(d) Line $\ell \perp \overrightarrow{MT}$



(e) $\overline{CD} \perp$ line n

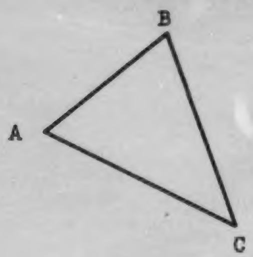
If two angles have the same vertex and have a common ray but have no interior points in common, then they are called adjacent angles. If the sum of the measures, in degrees, of two angles is 180, then the angles are called supplementary angles. If the sum of the measures, in degrees, of two angles is 90, then they are complementary angles. Supplementary and complementary angles may be adjacent but this is not necessary. Again, these two terms are often confused, and students need to see many instances of both before the definitions are well established in their minds. The English usage of the two words (as well as the word "complement") is also a little different than the mathematical usage, and this may need to be pointed out.

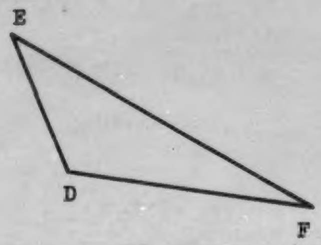
Class Exercises

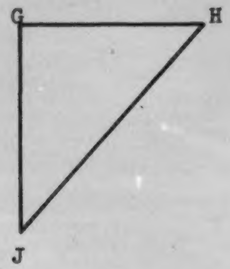
9. If two adjacent angles are supplementary, what can you say about the line formed by the "outside" rays?

10. If two adjacent angles are complementary, what can you say about the "outside" rays?

Again for your reference, we may classify triangles according to either their sides or their angles.







In triangle ABC all the angles are acute angles, and $\triangle$ ABC is called an acute triangle; also $\triangle$ EDF with the obtuse angle EDF is called an obtuse triangle. One of the angles in $\triangle$ GHJ is a right angle and the triangle is called a right triangle.

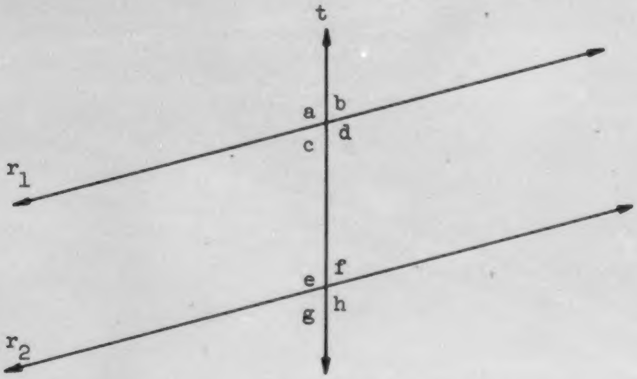
Using sides of a triangle for classification, we say that if none of the sides of a triangle are congruent, then the triangle is scalene. If two sides are congruent, then the triangle is isosceles. If all three sides are congruent, then it is equilateral.

Some of the following exercises are examples of trouble spots for students, but they often enjoy trying to find a counter-example. The converse of a conditional statement may cause difficulties (see Exercise 16), but here is a place where logical reasoning may be stressed to good advantage.

Class Exercises

11. Is it possible to have
    a. a scalene right triangle?
    b. an isosceles right triangle?
    c. an equilateral right triangle?
    d. an isosceles obtuse triangle?
    e. an equilateral obtuse triangle?
12. What seems to be true of the angles of an equilateral triangle?
13. What seems to be true of two of the angles of an isosceles triangle?
14. If a triangle is equilateral, is it also isosceles?
15. Is the converse of the statement in Exercise 14 true?

In Chapter 11, names were given to certain pairs of angles formed when two lines are cut by a transversal, namely, corresponding angles and alternate interior angles. The SMSG text, Mathematics for Junior High School, Volume I, very effectively leads students through a discovery of the relationship between corresponding angles and shows that when parallel lines are cut by a transversal, the corresponding angles are congruent.



In the figure above, r_1 and r_2 are parallel (i.e., $r_1 \cap r_2 = \emptyset$), and t is a transversal.

The two angles in each pair of corresponding angles are congruent and hence equal in measure. Thus, we may write:

$\angle a \cong \angle e \qquad m(\angle a) = m(\angle e)$

$\angle b \cong \angle f \qquad m(\angle b) = m(\angle f)$

$\angle c \cong \angle g \qquad m(\angle c) = m(\angle g)$

$\angle d \cong \angle h \qquad m(\angle d) = m(\angle h)$

We will not go through this development but will list this property and two others which will be used in a subsequent geometric proof.

I. Vertical angles formed by two intersecting lines are congruent.

II. Two lines in the same plane and intersected by a transversal are parallel if and only if a pair of corresponding angles are congruent.

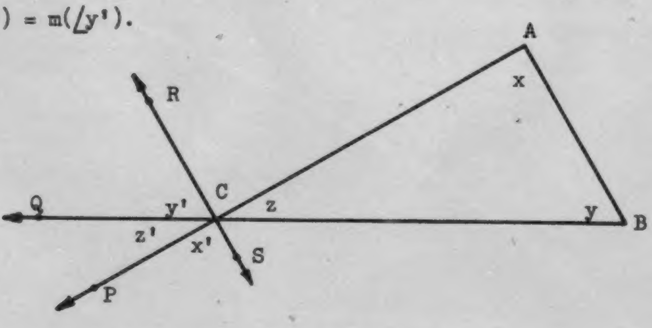
Let us now prove, through a class exercise, the following statement about triangles:

> The sum of the measures, in degrees, of the angles of any triangle is 180.

The proof is based on the property that if a set of angles and their interiors form a half-plane and its boundary, then the sum of the measures of the angles is 180.

Class Exercise

16. Consider the $\triangle ABC$ and $\overrightarrow{AP}$ and $\overrightarrow{BQ}$. $\overleftrightarrow{RS}$ is drawn through point C so that $m(\angle y) = m(\angle y')$.



Answer the questions and use a property to explain "why" for each of the following:

a. Is $\overleftrightarrow{RS}$ parallel to $\overline{AB}$? Why?

b. What name is given to the pair of angles marked x and x' ? Is $m(\angle x) = m(\angle x')$? Why?

c. What name is given to the pair of angles marked z and z' ? Is $m(\angle z) = m(\angle z')$? Why?

d. $m(\angle y) = m(\angle y')$ Why?

e. $m(\angle x) + m(\angle y) + m(\angle z) = m(\angle x') + m(\angle y') + m(\angle z')$ Why?

f. $m(\angle x) + m(\angle y) + m(\angle z)$ is the sum of the measures of the angles of the triangle. Why?

g. $m(\angle x') + m(\angle y') + m(\angle z') = 180$ Why?

h. $m(\angle x) + m(\angle y) + m(\angle z) = 180$ Why?

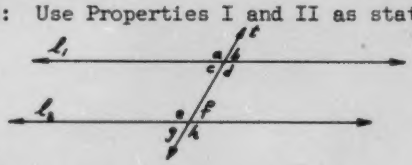
i. We conclude therefore that the sum of the measures, in degrees, of the angles of the triangle is 180.

A formal proof of a geometric theorem, usually appearing in tenth year geometry texts, has just been developed. However, it is important to note that this should not be done with seventh graders unless a great deal of groundwork is laid and an intuitive development of these properties has occurred. Students need to measure and find the sums of the measures of the angles of many triangles. They should cut off two angles of a paper model of a triangular region and place them beside the third angle and see that the three angles and their interiors seem to fill the half-plane. Also, before these properties can be used as reasons in a proof, the pupils have to state them in precise mathematical language and understand fully what they mean.

In this section we have not stated many of the properties of geometric figures, and we have not given a definition of many of the common polygons. Some of these are left for you as class exercises and chapter problems. As with much of the mathematics presented at the junior high level, geometric concepts can best be developed by having students use paper and pencil as they read and listen, by letting them construct models, and by the teacher asking leading questions. On the other hand, much of mathematics is quite abstract, and the students need to be led toward these abstractions as they progress through the junior high school years.

Class Exercises

17. Given a line r and a point P not on the line, define the shortest segment from P to r.
18. Define what you think is meant by the distance between two parallel lines.
19. In Chapter 11 a parallelogram was defined, but a rectangle could not be defined. Why not?
20. Prove: If two parallel lines, ℓ_1 and ℓ_2, are intersected by a transversal, t, then a pair of alternate interior angles, $\angle c$ and $\angle f$, are congruent. (Hint: Use Properties I and II as stated in this section.)



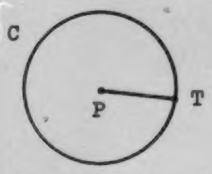
12.5 Circles

One of the most common simple closed curves is the circle, yet in the chapters on nonmetric geometry we were not able to give a definition of a circle. Why not? The reason is that we need the concept of distance and measurement to define a circle. From the primitive idea that a circle is "round," through the idea that it is the set of points at a fixed distance from a given point, students may develop the following definition.

> A circle is a simple closed curve in a plane, each of whose points is the same distance from a fixed point in the same plane called the center.

May we repeat again that the definitions stated in this section are included only for completeness and handy reference. However, some of these might refresh your memory, as they certainly are new to many of the more recent junior high school programs.

In the figure below, point P is called the center; but, by definition, the center is not part of the circle. The segment $\overline{PT}$ is called a radius of the circle and is defined as any segment which joins the center P to a point on the circle. The word "radius" is sometimes used to mean the distance from the center to any point on the circle. Usage will generally indicate the correct interpretation for the word.

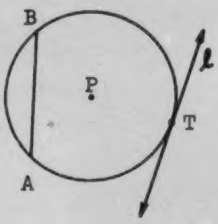


A diameter of a circle is a segment that contains the center of the circle and whose endpoints lie on the circle. The relationship between the radius and the diameter of a circle can be expressed as:

$$d = 2r, \quad \text{or} \quad r = \frac{1}{2}d.$$

This seems like a trivial relationship, but it is important a little later in our development of areas of circular closed regions.

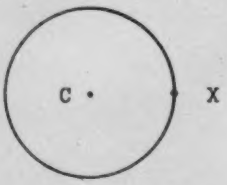
Certain other sets of points often associated with a circle may be mentioned.



In the figure above, line ℓ contains exactly one point of the circle and is called a *tangent* to circle P. The intersection of the circle and the tangent is point T, called the *point of tangency*. The endpoints of segment $\overline{AB}$ are on the circle, and $\overline{AB}$ is said to be a *chord* of the circle. By this definition is a diameter also a chord?

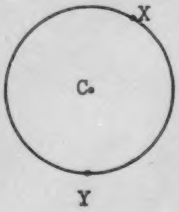
In Chapter 10, separations of lines, planes, and space were discussed. A point separates a line into three subsets: the two half-lines and the point itself. A line separates a plane into three subsets: the two half-planes and the set of points on the line. Describe how a plane separates space into three subsets.

Does a circle separate a plane into three subsets? Yes, the three sets are the interior region, the set of points on the circle itself, and the exterior region. Does a single point on a circle separate the circle into three subsets? Does point X, for example, separate the circle below into three subsets?



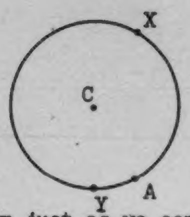
We see that whether we move in a clockwise or a counterclockwise direction, we will eventually return to X. Therefore, a single point separates a circle into only two subsets, unlike the situation with the line.

Just as we considered parts of lines called line segments, we will consider parts of circles called *arcs*.

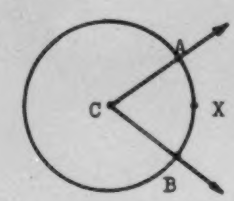


In the drawing above, the circle is separated into four parts, or subsets: the two points X and Y and the two arcs determined by them. If no ambiguity results, we usually consider the "shorter" of the two arcs and name it $\overset{\frown}{XY}$.

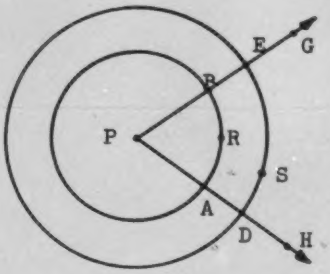
The symbol "$\frown$" represents the word "arc." When the possibility of confusion exists, we label a point on the arc as in the figure to the right. We may now speak of $\overset{\frown}{XAY}$ without ambiguity.



In working with arcs we often wish to compare them just as we compare lengths of line segments or measures of angles. Think of a circle divided into 360 congruent arcs. Each such arc determines a unit of arc measure called one degree of arc. Rays from the center of the circle, passing through the endpoints of an arc, determine a central angle. We may think of a degree of arc as being determined by a central angle which is a unit angle of one degree.



In the figure above, if the measure of central angle $\angle ACB$, in degrees, is 70, then the measure of $\overset{\frown}{AXB}$ in degrees is also 70, written: $m(\overset{\frown}{AXB}) = 70$. Remember that arc measure is not a measure of length. For example, consider the two concentric circles below:



The two arcs $\overset{\frown}{ARB}$ and $\overset{\frown}{DSE}$ have the same central angle, $\angle GPH$. Therefore, $\overset{\frown}{ARB}$ and $\overset{\frown}{DSE}$ must have the same arc measure, even though the "length" of $\overset{\frown}{ARB}$ is shorter than the "length" of $\overset{\frown}{DSE}$. The length of a circle is called the circumference and this will be discussed in the next chapter.

One note of caution: Some students have difficulty using rulers, protractors, and compasses for drawing figures and measuring. Although mathematics is not a course in which drafting should be taught, it is essential that students receive some instruction and practice in the use of these devices.

Class Exercises

21. Two meanings were given to the word "radius." What are the two meanings of the word "diameter?"

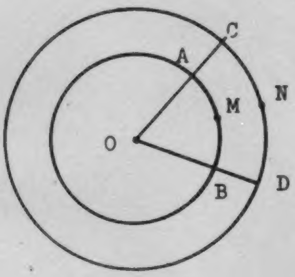
22. Define diameter in terms of a chord.

23. Draw a circle and an angle in the same plane so that their intersection consists of:
    a. 1 point,
    b. 2 points,
    c. 3 points,
    d. 4 points,
    e. no points.

24. Describe the interior of a circle using the concept of distance.

25. How many degrees in a quarter of a circle? in one-eighth of a circle? in five-sixths of a circle?

26. Given two concentric circles, demonstrate a one-to-one correspondence between the points in $\widehat{AMB}$ and the points in $\widehat{CND}$.



12.6 Conclusion

This chapter has attempted to extend nonmetric geometry by developing the concepts of congruence, the nature of measurement, and a brief discussion of circles. In the next chapter we will continue this discussion on the metric properties of sets of points by examining perimeters, areas, volumes, and systems of measures.

Sometimes the intuitive and measurement aspects of geometry become bogged down in a dictionary approach. It is important that this be avoided. Students develop nonverbal awareness of many of these ideas before they can state them formally. Through discovery they see relationships in sets of points, and their interest and enjoyment in understanding this kind of material is aroused.

Chapter Exercises

1. Draw a segment 2 inches long and divide it so that it can be used as a ruler to show a precision of one-eighth inch.

2. Draw a segment 2 inches long and divide it so it can be used as a ruler to show a greatest possible error of one-eighth inch.

3. A rectangle has a length of 5 inches and a width of $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Each measurement is given with a precision of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

   a. Draw a rectangle using the longest possible segments that have these measurements.

   b. In the interior of the rectangle in (a) draw another rectangle that has the shortest possible segments with these measurements.

4. Name as many special kinds of quadrilaterals as you can.

5. What do you think is meant by a regular polygon?

6. What condition(s) are necessary and sufficient for two circles to be congruent?

7. Given a circle and a tangent to the circle. What do you think the relationship is between the tangent and the line which joins the center of the circle to the point of tangency?

8. Draw two arcs whose degree measures are each 60 but such that one seems to be twice the length of the other. What seems to be true about the radii of the circles that contain these arcs?

9. Define a sphere.

10. We proved that the sum of the degree measures of the angles of a triangle was 180. If a "triangle" is drawn on the surface of a sphere, is this still true? Give a definition of a "triangle on a sphere." What is a "right triangle" on a sphere?

Answers for Class Exercises

1. $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle EDC$

$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{ED}$ $\qquad \angle A \cong \angle E$

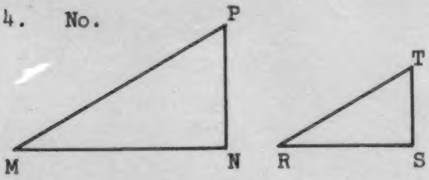
$\overline{BC} \cong \overline{DC}$ $\qquad \angle B \cong \angle D$

$\overline{AC} \cong \overline{EC}$ $\qquad \angle ACB \cong \angle ECD$

2. $\angle XYZ \cong \angle PQR$. No. The sides of an angle are rays and have no lengths.

3. Yes. Reasons will vary. (A formal proof is not required, but intuitive reasoning by testing several cases will show that this seems to be true.)

4. No.



The angles of these triangles are congruent respectively, but the triangles are not congruent. They are called similar.

5. $5\frac{3}{8}''$ and $5\frac{5}{8}''$, $\frac{1}{8}''$.

6. a. $AC \approx 4\frac{11}{16}$, $AB \approx 3\frac{6}{16}$, $BC \approx 2\frac{9}{16}$

$AC = 4\frac{11}{16} \pm \frac{1}{32}$, $AB = 3\frac{6}{16} \pm \frac{1}{32}$, $BC = 2\frac{9}{16} \pm \frac{1}{32}$

b. The greatest possible error of the sum will be three times the greatest possible error of the length of any one side.

7.

	Measure	Unit
a.	3	foot
b.	17	pound
c.	24	hour
d.	16	ounce

8. a. $m(\angle AKB) \approx 20$

b. $m(\angle FKE) \approx 90$

c. $m(\angle AKC) \approx 170$

d. $m(\angle FKG) \approx 60$

e. $m(\angle AKD) \approx 70$

f. $m(\angle BKE) \approx 70$

g. $m(\angle CKD) \approx 100$

h. $m(\angle HKD) \approx 65$

i. $m(\angle DKB) \approx 50$

j. $m(\angle HKC) \approx 35$

9. They are perpendicular.

10. They are perpendicular.

11. a. Yes b. Yes c. No d. Yes e. No

12. They are congruent.

13. They are congruent.

14. Yes 15. No

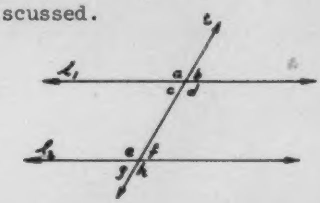
16. a. Yes, by Property II.
    b. Corresponding angles. Yes. If 2 angles are congruent, their measures are equal.
    c. Vertical angles. Yes. Vertical angles are congruent, and their measures are equal.
    d. Were drawn so as to have equal measures.
    e. The measures in the sum on the left are equal to the measures in the sum on the right.
    f. By definition of "sum."
    g. Property III.
    h. Two names for the same number as indicated in steps (e) and (g).

17. The shortest segment from a point P to a line r is the segment from P perpendicular to r.

18. The distance between two parallel lines may be described as the length of any segment contained in a line perpendicular to the two lines, and having an endpoint on each of the lines.

19. The definition of a rectangle depends on the use of a right angle which was not defined until angle measure was discussed.

20. Given: $\ell_1 \parallel \ell_2$, and transversal t.
    Prove: $\angle c \cong \angle f$
    a. $\angle c \cong \angle b$ because of Property I.
    b. $\angle b \cong \angle f$ because of Property II.



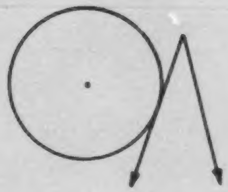
    c. $m(\angle c) = m(\angle b) = m(\angle f)$ because congruent angles have equal measures.
    d. $\angle c \cong \angle f$ because angles with equal measures are congruent.
    e. Hence if two parallel lines are cut by a transversal, a pair of alternate interior angles are congruent.

21. "Diameter" can be used to refer to the length of a line segment joining two points of a circle and containing the center of the circle. "Diameter" can also refer to the line segment itself which contains the center and has endpoints on the circle.

22. A diameter is a chord which passes through the center of a circle.

23. One possible answer is given for each case:

a.



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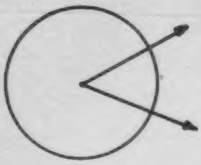

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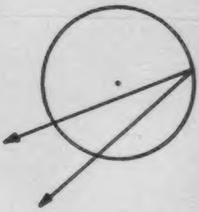

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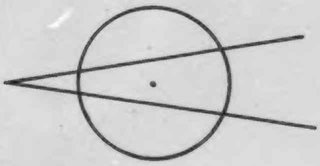

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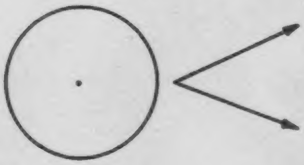


24. The interior is the set of all points X such that $PX < PR$, where P is the center of the circle.

25. 90, 45, 300

26. Corresponding points may be determined in the following manner: Select any point on $\widehat{AMB}$. Draw a ray from O through that point. The ray passes through a corresponding point on $\widehat{CND}$. This may be done using points on either arc, and for any point on either arc a corresponding point on the other arc may be determined. This establishes a one-to-one correspondence between the two sets of points.

Chapter 13

PERIMETERS, AREAS, VOLUMES

Introduction

This chapter is a continuation of Chapter 12 in that we discuss the use of measurement in finding perimeters, areas, and volumes. Although there are several ways of approaching operations on numbers representing measurements, we have chosen a fairly traditional one as described in the first section.

An attempt is made to point out difficulties that students encounter in dealing with such topics as the approximate nature of measurement as it relates to perimeters, areas, and volumes, the number π, and the relationships between the various geometric figures. For example, the concept of area is approached by discussing the closed rectangular region, then relating areas of the regions of other simple closed curves to this.

A brief discussion of other units of measure relating to weight and time, along with some of the problems that students may encounter in their future studies of mathematics and science, will end this chapter.

13.1 Operations with Numbers of Measure

Binary operations on numbers have been defined in Chapter 6, but how may we define an operation on the so called "denominate" numbers? This has not really bothered us very much, but students sometimes encounter trouble both in operating with these numbers and in converting from one unit to another. Therefore, we need to consider these aspects briefly.

If we have 3 yards of ribbon and 2 yards of ribbon, how do we find the total combined length? We know how to add numbers, but "adding lengths" is something different. We could say we have two segments of 3 yards and 2 yards, respectively, laid end to end so that they have just one point in common. Then we get a segment whose measure, in yards, is 5 and whose length is 5 yards.

Let us reemphasize our terminology. Recall that in a phrase such as "3 yards is the length", we said "3 is the measure". The measure refers to the number 3. (The unit of measure is the yard.) Now we can apply arithmetic operations such as addition to these numbers called measures. If we have 3 yards of ribbon and 2 more yards of ribbon, then we have

5 yards of ribbon altogether, because the sum of their measures is 5 $(3 + 2 = 5)$.

However, we must be very careful here. For example, it makes no sense to attempt to find the sum of 35 and 17 if 35 is the degree measure of an angle and 17 is the inch measure of a line segment. We need to expand the Comparison Property of Chapter 12 which said that two continuous geometric figures or sets of the same kind may be compared as to size. Let us further agree, then, that when we operate on two numbers of measure, that they represent the same "kind of measurement", with the same unit. You have already tacitly assumed this when you did some of the exercises in Chapter 3.

In the British-American system of units there is a hodge-podge of standard units. As an example, 2 feet, 24 inches, and $\frac{2}{3}$ yards are all names for the same length, and we may use the symbol "=" to show this: 2 feet = 24 inches = $\frac{2}{3}$ yard. Also the interrelation among the units is capricious; 12 inches make a foot, 3 feet make a yard, 1760 yards make a mile.

It is important that students be able to change a measurement from one unit to another, so they must know the relationships among the units. Measurements in different units but treated as if they were in the same unit are often the basis for errors. In other words, reading the names of units as well as the number of these units, using common sense to determine which is the best unit to use for a particular problem, and being aware that operations are performed on the numbers need to be stressed with students.

As we stated earlier, most scientists and most of the non-English speaking countries of the world use the metric system of measurement. Even our units are now defined in terms of the metric system, and most rulers that children use in school today are graduated in both inches and centimeters.

Our common units were originally based on body measures and developed over a long period of time, whereas the metric system was arbitrarily made by man with no relation to his body. However, it was related to our base ten system of numeration, which allows us to handle such measurements quite easily. Let us compare base ten with the metric system.

		Length	Weight	Volume
Thousand	$1000 = 10^3$	kilometer	kilogram	kiloliter
Hundred	$100 = 10^2$	hectometer	hectogram	hectoliter
Ten	$10 = 10^1$	dekameter	dekagram	dekaliter
One	$1 = 10^0$	meter	gram	liter
Tenth	$0.1 = 10^{-1}$	decimeter	decigram	deciliter
Hundredth	$0.01 = 10^{-2}$	centimeter	centigram	centiliter
Thousandth	$0.001 = 10^{-3}$	millimeter	milligram	milliliter

In a manner much like our decimal system of numeration, each linear unit is either ten (or $\frac{1}{10}$) times as large as the adjacent unit. Thus one dekameter is the same length as 10 meters, The same relationship holds for weight and volume.

The prefixes designating positive powers of ten are adapted from the Greek and the prefixes designating negative powers of ten are adapted from the Latin. This system of units allows us to write such a phrase as: 4 kilometers 7 hectometers 2 dekameters 9 meters 8 decimeters 6 centimeters in a much simpler way: 4729.86 meters. It should be noted that the prefixes "deka" and "hecto" are seldom used. We included them for completeness.

Once students understand the prefixes and how the metric system is related to base ten, it then becomes a simple matter for them to compute with these measured quantities. For example, suppose we asked students to find the sum of 4 dekameters 6 meters 2 centimeters and 7 meters 3 decimeters 6 centimeters. This problem could be written in this form:

$$\begin{array}{r} 46.02\text{ m.} \\ \underline{7.36\text{ m.}} \end{array}$$

and the sum of the numbers found quite easily by the base ten addition algorithm.

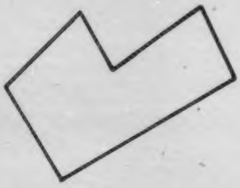
Students often think that using the metric system is a "grind" or a "drag". This is usually caused by too much emphasis being placed on translating from this system to the English system and not spending enough time in looking at the metric system in its own right.

Class Exercises

1. Divide 6 yards 2 feet 5 inches by 11.
2. Divide 7 meters 6 decimeters 4 centimeters by 8.
3. Which of the above problems is "easier" to do? Why?

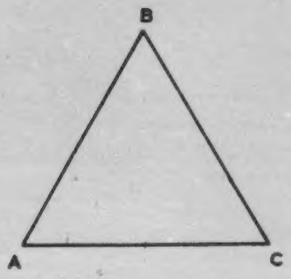
13.2 Perimeters and Circumference

The total length of a simple closed curve is called its perimeter. In the figures below we may think of the perimeter of each figure as being the distance an ant would have to crawl along the figure in order to return to the same point from which he started.



Often students think that the perimeter of a closed curve means something like "$P = 2(\ell + w)$", or "$P = 4s$", or $C = \pi d$. These are just mathematical sentences (formulas) which state precisely a recipe for dealing with the numbers used in certain geometric figures. These sentences should be the end result of the student's experiences with measuring and finding the total lengths of many closed curves, and classifying them according to some consistent pattern. Students usually have little difficulty with the concept of perimeter, even though it is subtle. Often, however, they do have difficulty with the approximate nature of measurement, "plugging" numbers into a formula which has very little meaning to them, and operating on these denominate numbers.

For instance, let us consider the perimeter of a triangle with sides of $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches each. A student has no trouble with what we mean by "perimeter" but let us explore what might happen when we ask him to find the perimeter in different ways.



The measure, in inches, of each side was given as $1\frac{3}{8}$. This immediately tells us that it was measured with $\frac{1}{8}$-inch precision and that the greatest possible error is $\frac{1''}{16}$. Therefore, we can write the length of one side as $(1\frac{3}{8} \pm \frac{1}{16})''$, and the perimeter can be expressed as $(4\frac{1}{8} \pm \frac{3}{16})''$. On the other hand, suppose we did not tell the student the measures of the sides, but asked him to measure each side to the nearest half-inch, then find the perimeter. He would report the sides as $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches each and the perimeter as approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches. If the sides are measured to the nearest inch, each would be reported as 1 inch and the perimeter as approximately 3 inches. But if we ask him to lay a string as closely as possible on the segments so that these segments are all "covered", then measure the string to the nearest inch, we would expect him to say that the perimeter is approximately 4 inches. Which one is more nearly correct? As we saw in Section 2 of Chapter 12, the greatest possible error may be increased dramatically by addition or multiplication. All this example does is to point out the need again to lay careful "ground rules" for measuring and approximations.

Another common trouble spot in perimeter is computing the circumference of a circle. One of the student's first contacts with irrational numbers occurs in using π to find circumferences by the formulas $C = \pi d$ or $C = 2\pi r$. They do not realize that the symbol "π" represents an exact number, and that if we want to represent such an irrational number in decimal notation then we may do so only approximately. One state legislature even attempted, in 1897, to pass a law establishing the value of π as two rational numbers, $\frac{22}{7}$ or 3.1416 .

It is interesting to note that the decimal expansion of π has been carried out to thousands of decimal places by computers, even though mathematicians have long known that it is an irrational number. The fascination of the expansion of π has intrigued people since the time of Archimedes and Pythagoras. These long computations are probably of no practical value, but the computer has helped in an examination of the distribution of the digits in the expansion of π.

Most seventh grade students have had experience in elementary school with computing an approximation to π through finding the ratio of the length of a piece of string laid around a circular object and the length of the diameter of that object. A variety of methods are available for computing approximate values of π. Often an infinite series is used to compute π. An example of one of these series is:

$$\frac{\pi}{4} \approx \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{2^3} + \frac{1}{3^3}\right) + \frac{1}{5}\left(\frac{1}{2^5} + \frac{1}{3^5}\right) + \frac{1}{7}\left(\frac{1}{2^7} + \frac{1}{3^7}\right) + \cdots$$

A value of π correct to 55 places is given in the SMSG Mathematics for Junior High School, Volume I.

The important point in this discussion is that nobody has any control over the value of π; it is an irrational number. However, we may approximate π with rational numbers to any degree of accuracy we wish. We may think of it as being squeezed or bracketed between successive whole numbers, then tenths, then hundredths, and so on.

$$3 < \pi < 4$$
$$3.1 < \pi < 3.2$$
$$3.14 < \pi < 3.15$$
$$3.141 < \pi < 3.142$$

In actual practice we often use the rational numbers $\frac{22}{7}$ or 3.14 as approximations for π.

Questions usually arise with respect to how to use π in computations. If the radius of a circle is 10, then the circumference of the circle, $2\pi r$, may be written in the form 20π, which is a perfectly good number. It is the product of 20 and π. Numerically it is between 62 and 63; 62.83 correct to 2 decimal places. For many practical purposes, a satisfactory answer for the circumference of a circle is usually found by using $\frac{22}{7}$ or 3.14 as an approximation to π. We say that π is approximately equal to $\frac{22}{7}$, writing $\pi \approx \frac{22}{7}$ or $\pi \approx 3.14$. In working problems, however, we often instruct youngsters to use one of these values in their computations, and it is legitimate to say in this case: "Let $\pi = \frac{22}{7}$", or "Let $\pi = 3.14$". On the other hand, students in the junior high school should get lots of practice in expressing answers in terms of π as well.

Class Exercises

4. To five decimal places π is 3.14159 . Which is a closer approximation to this: 3.14 or $3\frac{1}{7}$?

5. State a mathematical sentence (formula) for the perimeter of each simple closed curve below:

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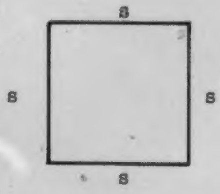

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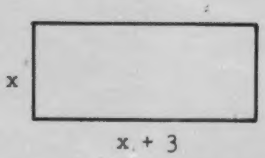

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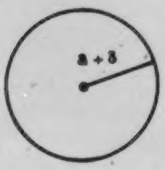

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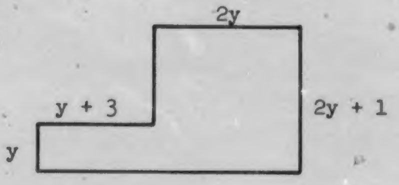


6. If a wire is strung around the equator of the earth so that it is 10 feet longer than the circumference of the earth, how far above the earth would it be? Assume that the equator is a circle and that the wire is the same distance above this circle at all points. Use $\frac{22}{7}$ for π.

13.3 Areas

In discussing perimeters, we stated that students usually had little trouble with the concept of perimeter. This is not true of the concept of area. Ask most people what the "area of a rectangle" is, and they will probably say, "It is the length times width." Again it is certainly convenient that we can find areas of closed rectangular regions by multiplying the number representing the length and the number representing the width, but this in no way conveys any idea of what area really is. Let us investigate this matter in this section.

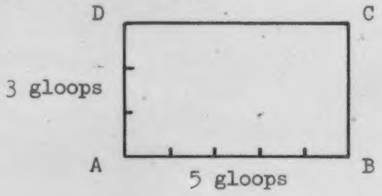
The term "area" means the measure of the closed region of a simple closed curve. In Chapter 11, closed region was defined as being the union of a simple closed curve and its interior. In choosing units of measure we agreed that our units must be of the same kind as the set of points to be measured. Therefore, in order to measure closed regions, we should choose some closed region as a unit.

We may pick any arbitrary shape for a standard unit of area. Students may approximate areas by using "units" of various shapes: circles, triangles, rectangles, hexagons, or even irregular shapes. This activity will help students understand the concept of area and perhaps convince them that it is only for convenience of communication that we adapt, as a standard unit, a closed region whose boundary is a square with each side being a standard unit of length. All measurements of area are then made by comparing against this standard unit of area.

Students are confused when they hear statements like: "Inches times inches is square inches," and "Feet times feet is square feet." Remember, in dealing with numbers of measurement, we agreed to operate on the *numbers*, and that operating on the names of the units has no meaning whatsoever. Even though we hear these statements often, and they are mnemonic devices, we should probably avoid them with students. We call these units square inches, square feet, or square centimeters because their boundaries are squares.

Let us agree on an item that will save us a little time and space throughout the rest of this chapter. We often hear the phrase, "area of a rectangle". We previously defined area as the measure of a closed region. A rectangle is *not* a closed region, even though it determines a closed region. Thus, the phrase, "area of a rectangle" is meaningless. What we really mean is the area of a *closed rectangular region*. However, this is quite a mouthful, and we will agree to return to our "mathematical slang" if no question of its meaning results. We use "area of a rectangle" to mean "area of the closed rectangular region".

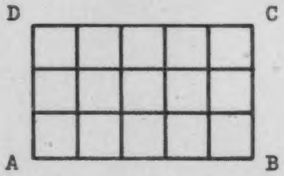
Why, then, can we find the area of a rectangle by multiplying the number representing the units of length and the number representing the units of width? Let us look at a rectangle whose length is 5 gloops and whose width is 3 gloops.



We choose a closed square region whose side has length of one gloop, and call it a square gloop.

1 square gloop

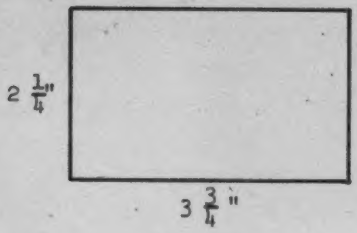
Now, how many of these congruent closed square regions are necessary to completely cover the closed rectangular region? We see that 15 are needed and we may state that the area of rectangle ABCD is 15 square gloops.



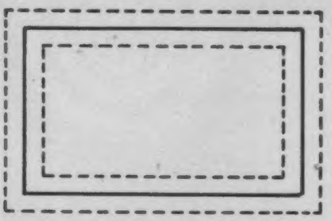
A shortcut to obtaining this area would be to consider this as a 3 by 5 array and then find the product of the numbers 3 and 5. This is what we mean when we state the mathematical sentences $A = \ell w$, or $A = bh$. The symbols A, ℓ, and w represent numbers, and the sentence $A = \ell w$ states that some number A is the product of two numbers, ℓ and w. Thus, in our figure above, we should state that the area of rectangle ABCD, in square gloops, is 15.

Again, we have idealized this situation by assigning the number 5 to the length and the number 3 to the width. Practically, in measuring, we usually encounter parts of units and either have to subdivide our unit or consider fractional parts of units. There is a large gap between the idealized situation and the practical situation that needs to be bridged carefully. A simple closed curve drawn on an overhead projector and overlayed with grids of different units helps develop this concept of area.

We should also consider greatest possible error as it relates to area. Think of physically measuring the length and width of a rectangle with a ruler whose precision is one-fourth inch, and obtaining approximate measurements of $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches and $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches.



We may write the length and width in the forms, $3\frac{3}{4} \pm \frac{1}{8}$, and $2\frac{1}{4} \pm \frac{1}{8}$. Observe that there is a largest rectangle and a smallest rectangle between which our given rectangle will lie.



This may also be shown by a table:

	Minimum Rectangle	Measured Rectangle	Maximum Rectangle
Length	$3\frac{5}{8}$ in	$3\frac{3}{4}$ in	$3\frac{7}{8}$ in
Width	$2\frac{1}{8}$ in	$2\frac{1}{4}$ in	$2\frac{3}{8}$ in
Area	$\frac{493}{64} =$ $7\frac{45}{64}$ sq in	$\frac{135}{16} = \frac{540}{64} =$ $8\frac{28}{64}$ sq in	$\frac{589}{64} =$ $9\frac{13}{64}$ sq in

From the table we see that the measured area of the rectangle lies between $7\frac{45}{64}$ sq.in. and $9\frac{13}{64}$ sq.in. The errors from the reported area of $8\frac{28}{64}$ sq.in. are $\frac{47}{64}$ sq. in. and $\frac{49}{64}$ sq. in.

The greatest possible error for this rectangle is thus $\frac{49}{64}$ sq. in., and we can indicate the precision of the calculated area by writing:

$$\text{Area} = (8\frac{28}{64} \pm \frac{49}{64}) \text{ sq. in.}$$

Usually we just find the calculated area and do not concern ourselves with the possible error; but in fields like tool design and drafting, these tolerances often are very critical.

Only after the concepts of area, precision, and greatest possible error have been established should students spend time on developing the formulas for finding areas of simple closed curve regions. Let us now show one approach to these formulas. We have stated that the sentences, $A = \ell w$, or equivalently, $A = bh$, will help us find the area of a closed rectangular region. In this discussion we shall use the latter formula, where *b* is the measure of the length and *h* is the measure of the width of a rectangle. An attempt will be made to relate the formulas of parallelograms, triangles, trapezoids, and circles to this.

If we are given a model of a closed region representing a parallelogram, then this model may be cut and reassembled in such a way so as to make it look like a closed rectangular region. See the figures below.

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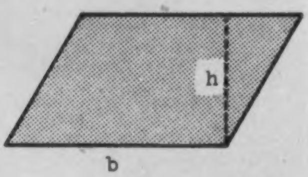

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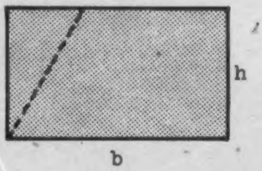
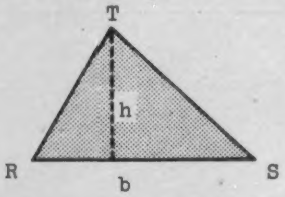
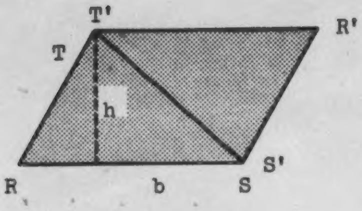


It may be proved that the figure on the right is indeed a rectangle whose area is given by the product bh. Our Subdivision Property, which tells us the two areas are the same, now allows us to state that the formula for the area of the parallelogram is also given by the formula $A = bh$.

Areas of triangles may now be related to areas of parallelograms. Think of a model of any closed triangular region such as is pictured below. The height of a triangle is defined as being the length of the perpendicular from the vertex T to the base $\overleftrightarrow{RS}$.

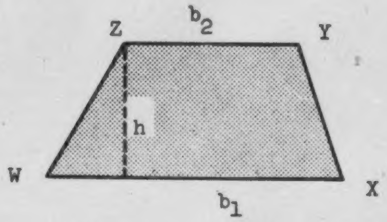


Now consider another model, $\triangle R'S'T'$, congruent to $\triangle RST$, and place it in the position shown below.

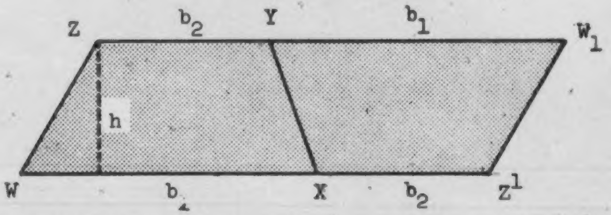


It can be proved that figure RSR'T is a parallelogram, but we will accept this as being true. Observe that the area of parallelogram RSR'T, $A = bh$, is twice as large as the area of the triangle. Therefore, we may state the formula for the area of a closed triangular region as $A = \frac{bh}{2}$.

Moving on to the area of the closed region of a trapezoid, we shall need to add a little notation. A trapezoid has two sides parallel, and both are often called bases. Let us call the bases b_1 and b_2, as in the following model.



If another model congruent to WXYZ is made and placed as in the diagram below, it is possible again to prove that the resulting figure is a parallelogram. We will accept this as true, also.

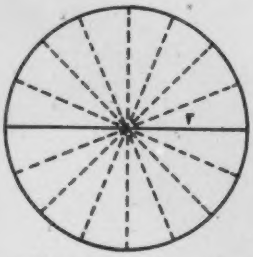


The area of this parallelogram WZ'W'Z may be found as the product of the height and base. As the length of the base may be expressed as $(b_1 + b_2)$, then the formula for the area of the larger figure may be expressed as: $A = (b_1 + b_2)h$. However, the two trapezoids were congruent, and our area is again twice as large as we wish. Therefore, the formula to help us find the area of our original trapezoid may be stated as:

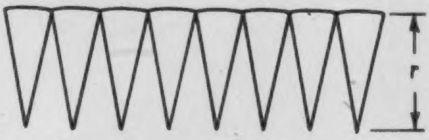
$$A = \frac{(b_1 + b_2)h}{2} .$$

The last formula that we will develop here is the one for the method of computing the area of a closed circular region in terms of the radius of a circle. There are several possible approaches, and many are discussed in SMSG Mathematics for Junior High School, Volume I. We have said that we would relate our formulas to the formula for the area of a rectangle. Let us pursue this train of thought by trying to transform a model of a closed circular region into a model of a parallelogram, then applying the formula, $A = bh$.

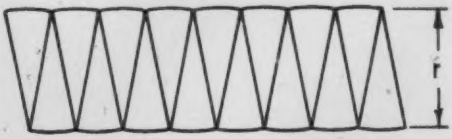
Let us imagine drawing a large circle with several radii, as shown below, so that all the central angles are congruent. For convenience we chose 16 central angles. Note also that two semicircles are formed.



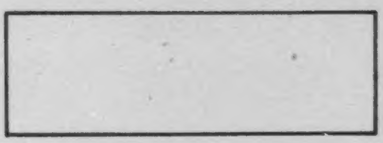
Now imagine cutting around the circle, then cutting it in two, then cutting along the dotted lines. Eight of these angular portions should look something like this when carefully laid out:



If both portions are cut in this manner and fitted together, then we would have something like the figure below.



The upper and lower boundaries of the completed pattern have a scalloped appearance. If, in the same manner, we cut the circular region into smaller and smaller slices, it would seem that the boundaries would approach the appearance of the following figure:



But this is a rectangle and the area may be found by the sentence $A = bh$! All we have to do is determine the measures that correspond to $\underline{b}$ and $\underline{h}$. Do you see that the measure of the base will be approximately one-half the measure of the circumference? In the last section, the relation of the circumference to the diameter and the radius was stated as $C = \pi d$ or $C = 2\pi r$. One half of the circumference then would be just πr. Now, if we can state the height, h, in terms of the radius, we will have our problem solved. Notice, however, the measure of the height is the same as the measure of the radius of our original circle. Therefore, in the formula $A = bh$, we may substitute "πr" for "b" and "r" for "h", obtaining:

$$A = \pi r \cdot r$$

or

$$A = \pi r^2 .$$

This is the well-known formula for finding the area of a circle. Remember, this has been strictly an intuitive approach that seems to suggest the formula for the area of a circle. Nowhere have we proved that this is true. We shall leave the proof for later courses in mathematics.

We have developed a few of the more familiar formulas for areas. Many other simple closed curved regions may be subdivided into these common figures so that their areas may be computed. This is not the only approach and these formulas are not the only ones; there are many ways to present these ideas. We have taken a strictly intuitive approach, but students will encounter more sophisticated methods as they continue their mathematics education.

Class Exercises

7. In a rectangle, does the length always have to be longer than the width? Explain.

8. How would you justify the statement, $A = s^2$, as the area formula for a closed square region?

9. If a farmer has 100 feet of fencing, what is the approximate area of the largest garden he may enclose with this fence?

13.4 Measurement of Solids

The concept of volumes of solid regions is a bit more difficult than that of areas of plane regions primarily because students have trouble visualizing solid regions when the diagrams of these are always in a plane. As was suggested in Chapters 10 and 11, sketches and models of solid figures made by the students will help them understand three dimensional space better. The use of 1-inch cubical blocks to "fill" a model of a solid, models of a cubic foot, a cubic yard, and so on, also enable students to picture the volume concepts a little clearer.

The discussion of the previous section relative to area also applies to volume, and we will not spend much time repeating many of these topics. In other words, we should proceed with students in a manner similar to the way in which linear, angular, and area measurements were developed. Let us briefly mention these ideas again.

Recall that we have said that, theoretically, a continuous quantity may have an exact measure, but that practically it never does. For example, we are talking theoretically when we say a segment has a length. We are talking practically when we say its length is a particular measure correct to a certain number of places. We have also said that the set to be measured must be measured by some unit of the same kind: a unit segment to measure segments, a unit angle to measure angles, and a unit closed region to measure closed regions. Similarly, we need to choose some unit solid to measure solids.

Let us pause for a moment and consider our terminology. In Chapter 11, we did not define right prisms because the ideas of congruence and angle measures had not been discussed. A _right prism_ is a prism in which the lateral edges are perpendicular to the bases. All lateral faces of a right prism are rectangular regions. A _right rectangular prism_ is a prism whose opposite faces are congruent rectangular regions. The term _right rectangular solid_ will refer to the set of points consisting of a right rectangular prism _and_ its interior. The _volume_ of a particular solid is the number assigned to the measure of the space it occupies. We will usually speak of the volume of a right rectangular prism; by this we really mean the volume of the corresponding solid. In other words, the volume is associated with the solid and not with the surface which bounds the solid.

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A *cube* may be defined as a right rectangular prism whose edges are all congruent. A cubical solid is the usual choice for a unit of volume, and through discussion with students, they soon realize that this is the preferred unit.

If we wished to find the measure of the surface of a solid, this would be called the *surface area*. Surface area will not be discussed here except to say that the areas of the faces of a solid figure may be found as in the last section, then the sum of these areas would be the surface area of our solid. Students can often be helped in determining surface areas by "opening up" the paper models of the solids they have constructed.

Two other aspects that we discussed in detail previously and that should be related to volume are the development of the standard formulas and the greatest possible error. Let us consider the formulas first. The volume of a rectangular solid is measured by the number $\ell \times w \times h$, where ℓ, w, and h represent the measures of length, width, and height in the same units. This may be expressed by the familiar formula:

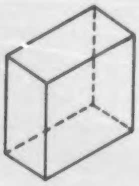
$$V = \ell wh.$$

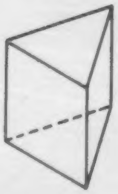
Since the measure of the area of the base is equal to "$\ell \times w$", we frequently say that the volume of a right rectangular prism is the product of the area of its base by its height. Letting B stand for the measure of the area of the base, this becomes: $V = Bh$.

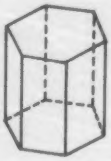
The importance of developing the *concept* of volume before the formulas cannot be stressed too much. Students do not really need formulas if they understand the concept; they can always develop their own recipes if volume is understood. The formulas state in concise mathematical sentences how to deal with the numbers involved.

Just as the formulas for areas of closed regions were all related to the area of a rectangle, the formulas for certain other volumes could all be related to the volume of a right rectangular solid. We may first consider right prisms with different shaped bases and see that the volume is equal to the area of its base times its height:

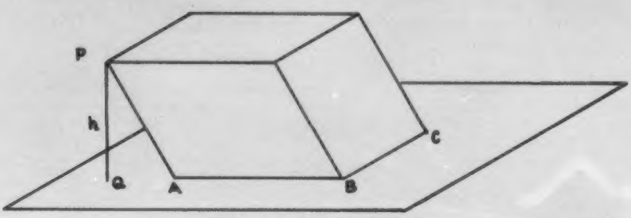
$$V = Bh.$$



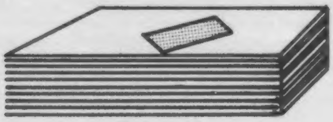


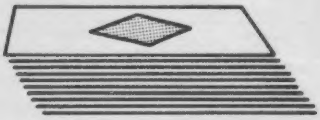


An oblique prism such as pictured in the drawing below



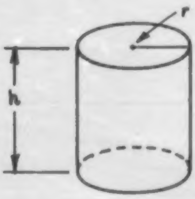
may be thought of as a deck of cards which has been pushed into an oblique position but still having the same volume as the corresponding right prism. It differs from a right prism in that its lateral edges, while still congruent, are not perpendicular to the bases. Also its lateral faces are not necessarily rectangular.

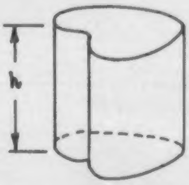


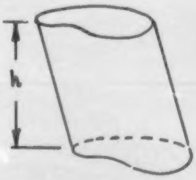


The only word of caution needed here is that we refer to the height of this oblique prism as the length of PQ, not the length of a lateral edge.

The same approach with slight modification can be made to apply to volumes of cylinders.







In each case shown above, the volume is given by the product of the area of the base and the altitude. The right circular cylinder on the left has volume given by $V = \pi r^2 h$, where πr^2 gives the area of the base.

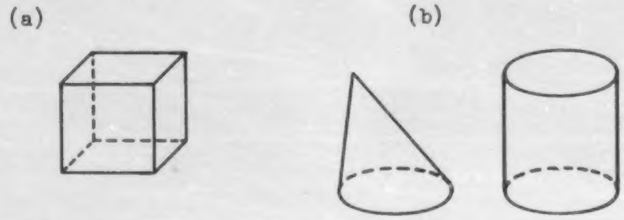
We may state in general that for any prism or cylinder, right or oblique:

$$V = Bh .$$

Formulas for volumes of solid regions bounded by pyramids, cones, and spheres are more difficult to justify in the way that we have been proceeding, and these are not often developed for seventh grade youngsters. We may, however, make the following relationship between pyramids and prisms, as well as cones and cylinders, plausible by using hollow models and water or sand to establish their relative volumes. By this method we can show that

for any pyramid or cone: $V = \frac{1}{3} Bh$.

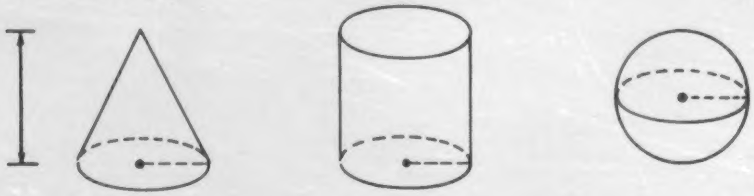
Study the figures below.



(a) The volume of a pyramid is one-third the volume of a corresponding prism.

(b) The volume of a cone is one-third the volume of a corresponding cylinder.

The volume of a sphere may be related to the volumes of a cone and a cylinder in the following manner. If the radius of a sphere is r, think of a right circular cone and a right circular cylinder each with the same radius r and each with height equal to the diameter of the sphere, expressed as 2r. Consider hollow models of each as in the drawing below.



Now, if we asked students to perform the following experiment, certain results would seem to be indicated. If the cone is filled with sand and this sand is poured into the cylinder, we know from the previous experiments, the cylinder will be about one-third full. If the sphere is also filled with sand and then emptied into the cylinder which is already one-third full with sand from the cone, the cylinder will appear to be completely full. Several trials will convince students that the volume of the sphere seems to be two-thirds that of the corresponding cylinder and twice that of the corresponding cone. Since the radius of the base of the cylinder is r and its height is 2r, the volume Bh is

$$V = (\pi r^2) \times (2r) .$$

Therefore, the volume of the sphere is

$$V = \frac{2}{3} \times (\pi r^2) \times (2r)$$

or

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \quad .$$

From this experiment, we are fairly sure that $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$, but remember that we still have not proved it. A physical measurement can not prove a mathematical idea, only suggest it and support it. We will leave the formal proof of this for a more sophisticated course in mathematics.

The other aspect we mentioned earlier regarding greatest possible error is the last topic in this section to be discussed. Recall that we observed that the multiplication of two numbers used in measurement quickly increased the greatest possible error. The involvement of a third number in computing volumes quite radically increases this again. A large amount of classroom time probably should not be spent on this topic, and the use of an overhead projector will help accelerate the presentation and understanding of greatest possible error as related to volumes. For example, consider a right rectangular prism measured with one-half inch precision with the following dimensions: $\ell = 10\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{4}$, $w = 3\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{4}$, and $h = 5 \pm \frac{1}{4}$. A table similar to the one used for rectangles in the preceding section of this chapter could be drawn beforehand on the overhead projector and completed by the class. This method would show the development of the problem and is quite effective with students. We will not do the mechanics of the computation, but the greatest possible error in volume here is 27.89 cubic inches. This seems large for the measurements originally made to the nearest half-inch, but illustrates the rapid increase possible in such calculations.

Class Exercises

10. Suppose ℓ and w of a right rectangular prism are each doubled and the lateral edge left unchanged. What is the effect on the volume?

11. What is the effect on the volume when each of ℓ, w, and h of a rectangular prism is doubled?

12. The sides of the square base of a pyramid are doubled and the height is halved. How is the volume affected?

13. If a truck is called a 5 ton truck when its capacity is 5 cubic yards, then what is a truck called which has a body 6 feet wide by 9 feet long by 5 feet high?

14. Compute the greatest possible error in the example given in the last paragraph, if the measurements are made with one-quarter inch precision, i.e., $\ell = 10\frac{2}{4} \pm \frac{1}{8}$, $w = 3\frac{2}{4} \pm \frac{1}{8}$, and $h = 5 \pm \frac{1}{8}$.

13.5 Conclusion

Several topics about geometry, both metric and nonmetric, have not been mentioned in these last few chapters, but not because they are unimportant. We should not be left with the impression that only lengths, angles, areas, and volumes are measured. Time, weight, and mass, as well as other quantities, could have been presented here, too; but a discussion of one topic like area was considered in depth rather than lightly covering many ideas. Many definitions were not stated, either, but may be found in SMSG Mathematics for Junior High School, Volume I. It is hoped that the presentation here will furnish you with methods of introducing these other topics to students. Much of this material on measurement has always been included even in the most traditional textbooks, but students often have not really understood the concepts involved.

As you have probably observed, measurement is the vehicle by which mathematics is related to the physical world, it is the language of science. Interesting examples of how mathematics may be introduced through measurement and scientific experiments may be found in the SMSG publication, Mathematics Through Science. Students should find in this book some different approaches to the development of some of their mathematical concepts.

Scientific and engineering problems are requiring more and more precise measurements and measuring devices, and new units of measure are invented to meet these needs. For example, an angstrom is a unit of length which is one hundred millionth of a centimeter, and a micro-second is a unit of time which is a millionth of a second. These units are very small. On the other hand, astronomers also need very large units such as the light year which is the distance light travels in one year at approximately 186,000 miles per second.

Students should remember that measurement is always approximate, and answers are expressed to the nearest unit, whatever unit is being used.

Also, a decision must be made by the student as to which unit is the most appropriate for any particular problem. Seventh grade youngsters should begin to have some exposure to a few of the unfamiliar units of measure as well as the relationships between these and the more common ones.

Answers to Class Exercises

1. 1 ft., $10\frac{3}{11}$ in.
2. 0.955 m.
3. The second problem is easier because we can use the standard base ten division algorithm immediately.
4. $3\frac{1}{7}$ is a closer approximation to π than 3.14 .
5. (a) $P = 4s$ (b) $P = 4x + 6$ (c) $P = 2\pi(a + 3)$ (d) $P = 10y + 8$
6. The wire would be approximately $\frac{35}{22}$ or $1\frac{13}{22}$ feet above the earth at all points. The circumference of the earth can be represented by $C = 2\pi r$. If the circumference is increased by 10 ft. then the radius is increased by x ft. and we have

   $$C + 10 = 2\pi(r + x) .$$

   But $$C + 10 = 2\pi r + 2\pi x$$

   thus $$10 = 2\pi x \qquad \text{and} \qquad x = \frac{10}{2}\pi .$$

   It is interesting to note that the problem can be solved without ever knowing the radius or circumference of the earth.
7. In everyday usage we think of the length as being longer than the width, but it makes no difference which is the length and which is the width because this may be interpreted as an application of the commutative property of multiplication.
8. Using the formula for the area of a rectangle: $A = \ell w$, and realizing that a square is a special kind of rectangle, allows us to substitute $\underline{s}$ for both ℓ and w.
9. It is a closed circular region with an area of approximately 795 square ft.
10. The volume is 4 times as great.
11. The volume is 8 times as great.
12. The volume is twice as great.
13. It is a 10-ton truck.
14. $13\frac{329}{512}$ or 13.64 cu. inches .

Chapter Exercises

1. The measures of the sides of a triangle in inch units are 17, 15, and 13.
   (a) What would be the measures of the sides if measured to the nearest foot?
   (b) What is the measure of the perimeter in inches? In feet?
   (c) How do you explain what seems to be an inconsistency?

2. Which plane region has the greater area - a region bounded by a square with a side whose length is 3 inches or a region bounded by an equilateral triangle with a side whose length is 4 inches?

3. Here is a problem which your students might do: Take an ordinary half dollar.
   (a) Trace an outline of it on a graph paper grid with unit $\frac{1}{10}$ inch. Estimate the area by using the grid.
   (b) Use thread to represent the circumference and radius, measure them on the graph scale, and use them to compute the area.
   (c) Compare the two results.

4. (a) A child measures a rectangular prism with a ruler whose unit is an inch and obtains these measurements: length, 5 inches; width, 3 inches; height, 6 inches. What is the volume?
   (b) The same prism is measured with a ruler whose unit is 0.1 inch. The length is now reported as 5.2, the width as 3.4, and the height as 6.3 inches. What is the volume?
   (c) How do you explain the large discrepancy in the answers to (a) and (b) ?

5. A cone has height 12 feet and base a circle of area 6 square feet. What is the height of a cylinder whose base and volume are equal to that of the cone?

6. Find the volume of a ballbearing whose radius is 0.1 inch.

7. The radius of an unopened tin can is 2 inches and the height is 3 inches.
   (a) What is the circumference of the base?
   (b) What is the volume of the can?
   (c) What is the total surface area of the can?

8. A rectangular prism is measured to be 10" by 8" by 6" with 1-inch precision.

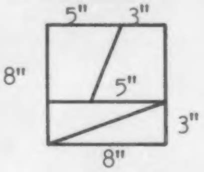
   (a) What is the smallest possible measure of the true length? Width? Height?

   (b) What is the largest possible measure of the true length? Width? Height?

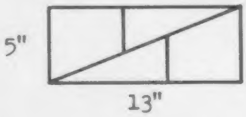
   (c) What is the smallest possible measure of the true volume?

   (d) What is the largest possible measure of the true volume?

9. (a) Consider a model of a square region with a side of 8 inches and cut along the lines as in the diagram below. What was the area of this square?



   (b) The pieces cut from the square may be placed so as to form a rectangle similar to the following. What is the area of this rectangle?



Note: Students enjoy this problem and invent several theories about why this paradox seems to happen.

10. If the radius of a circle is doubled, what is the effect on the circumference? What is the effect on the area?

Chapter 14

DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS AND PROBABILITY

Introduction

The gathering, summarizing, and presenting of data is an important and common activity today. Information is presented daily in various media by tables, charts, and graphs. A variety of descriptive terms are used to summarize large quantities of data. While most people are not directly concerned with the preparation of such data, every educated person should have some ability to correctly interpret statistical data. For this reason descriptive statistics is introduced at the junior high level. The main points discussed here are graphing of data, and measures of central tendency and dispersion. In each case solving problems of this nature gives students an understanding and an ability to interpret information more clearly. Having made several broken line graphs and bar charts, they find little difficulty in reading and interpreting such graphs.

The gathering of data may range from simple reference work such as looking up previously recorded information, to the more sophisticated random sampling procedures used in various types of quality control. Although we will not be concerned here with the problems of sampling, students are quick to see some of the flaws inherent in different sampling methods and enjoy discussing this topic. Information for such work is easily obtained. Student heights, weights, distance from home, number of brothers and sisters, ages, are all easily obtained and lend themselves to statistical treatment.

14.1 Graphing

Having obtained a set of data by some means, we are usually confronted with the task of organizing and preparing it for presentation. Often, sets of data may be presented in table form as the example below. However, it is usually difficult to abstract information from tables. Graphs are generally clearer, easier to read, and often show relationships not readily apparent in a table.

Population Facts About the United States

Census Years	Population in Millions	Increase in Millions	Percent of Increase
1790	3.9		
1800	5.3	1.4	35.1
1810	7.2	1.9	36.4
1820	9.6	2.4	33.1
1830	12.9	3.3	33.5
1840	17.1	4.2	32.7
1850	23.3	6.1	35.9
1860	31.4	8.2	35.6
1870	39.8	8.4	26.6
1880	50.2	10.4	26.0
1890	62.9	12.7	25.5
1900	76.0	13.1	20.7
1910	92.0	16.0	21.0
1920	105.7	13.7	14.9
1930	122.8	17.1	16.1
1940	131.7	8.9	7.2
1950	150.7	19.0	14.5

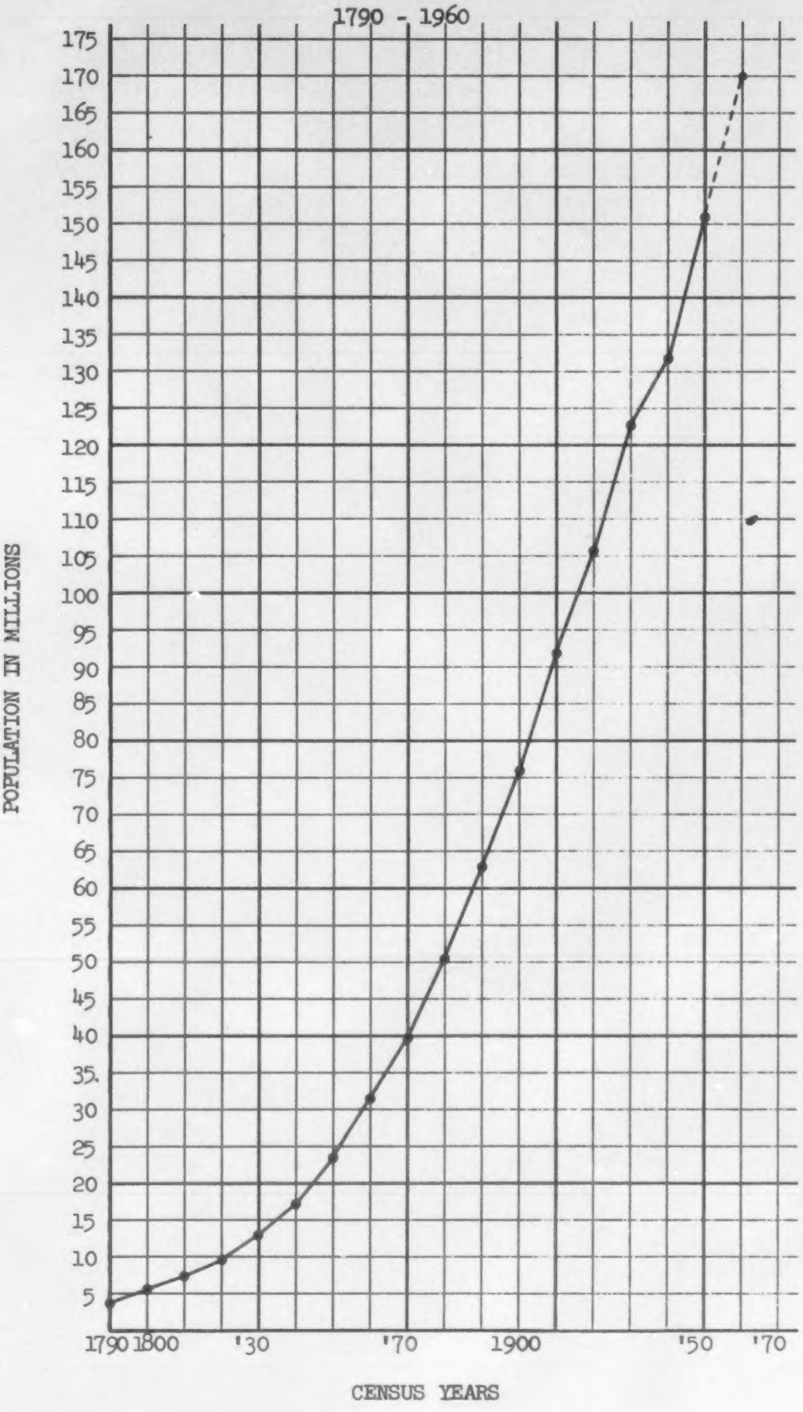
The broken-line graph is a common way of picturing data. Such a graph is made by first locating points on graph paper and then connecting them consecutively with line segments. The graph below shows the data in the table given previously. Here it is easy to see the changing rate of population increase, the decrease in rate during the 1930's, the population in the years labeled, as well as an approximation to the population at any given time.

Students generally need help in the preliminary work which must be done before any actual graphing takes place. One of the biggest problems in constructing broken-line graphs is deciding upon the scale. How much each unit space should represent so that the graph is of the appropriate size must be decided before any points are put on the paper. Some students will even need step by step instructions as to how to decide on the scale to be used. Such directions as, "count the number of spaces available, divide into the largest quantity to be shown on the graph paper, and round off to the next larger unit," may be necessary.

Bar graphs are another way of representing data graphically and are also relatively simple to construct. The same problem of scaling occurs as in drawing a broken-line graph. Once they have mastered the basic techniques, students mainly need practice in making neat, clearly labeled graphs which display the desired information.

POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES

1790 - 1960



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Circle graphs are still a third type of graph with which students must be familiar. Their preparation requires the use of a protractor and some calculation as to the size of angles needed in a particular graph. Ratio and proportion or percent are usually needed. Thus to prepare a circle graph of the data presented in the table below we need to determine the size of each angle.

Fruit Preference for Lunch

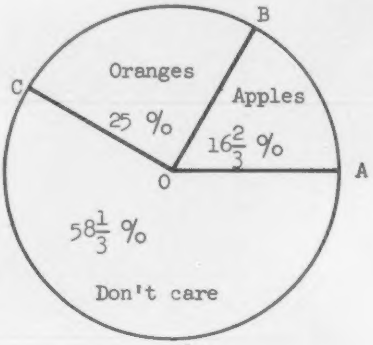
Apples	8
Oranges	12
Don't care	28
Total	48

To do so we need either the percent or fractional part of the total each observation represents. Both are given below.

	Number	Fractional Part	Percent	Degrees
Apples	8	1/6	16 2/3	60
Oranges	12	1/4	25	90
Don't care	28	7/12	58 1/3	210
Total	48	1	100	360

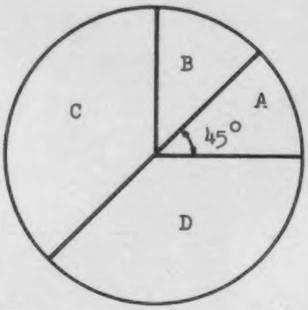
In either case we see that an angle of 60° will represent the 8 votes for apples, since $\frac{1}{6}$ of 360 is 60 and $16\frac{2}{3}$ percent of 360 is 60. Of course all problems will not give such exact results but rounding off to the nearest degree will usually be as accurate as necessary for most graphs.

Fruit Preference for Lunch



Class Exercises

Use the figure below to answer questions 1-3 .



1. What percent of the circular region is region A ?
2. How many degrees should be in the central angle if region C is to be $37\frac{1}{2}$ percent of the total area?
3. If D is the same size as C how many degrees are in the central angle of region B ?
4. Make a broken-line graph to show a possible trend in the 12 successive test scores given: 72, 80, 77, 95, 84, 91, 98, 75, 80, 100, 67, 77.
5. Show the data in exercise 4 by means of a bar graph.

14.2 Summarizing Data

Although information presented in graphical form is often easy to understand, we may want to know more about the data. Two questions which generally arise are, "What is an average or typical figure?" and, "How much do the observations differ from this average?" In the first question we are looking for a single number which can be used to represent all the data. In the second question we are concerned with how the various observations are distributed about this average. Some sets of observations are spread over a wide range while some may be very close together. The terms used to answer the first question are measures of central tendency. The terms used to answer the second are measures of dispersion.

Mathematicians have three technical terms used to measure central tendency. They are mean, median, and mode. Each of the three gives a number which in some sense may serve to represent all the data. Unfortunately each is associated with the word "average".

The *mean* or *arithmetic mean* is what most people generally think of when they use the word "average". The *mean* of a group of numerical observations is calculated by adding all the observations and dividing that sum by the number of observations. Consider a small company of nine employees with salaries as shown below. Adding the salaries and dividing by nine gives a mean salary of $14,000 .

$ 45,000	(President)
35,000	(Son-in-law)
10,000	(Vice-president)
9,000	(Custodian)
7,000	(Treasurer)
6,000	(Designer)
5,000	(Salesman)
5,000	(Salesman)
4,000	(Production)

Although the mean is frequently used, at times it may be misleading. In attempting to recruit a new employee to the company, it was pointed out that the "average" salary in the company was $14,000 . It is true that this is the mean salary, and the average of $14,000 does in a way represent all the data. On the other hand it seems misleading and we are not comfortable with it since seven of the nine salaries are less than this average salary. This is one characteristic of the mean. It is sensitive to observations such as the president's salary, which differ markedly from the others.

Another type of average, not affected by a few observations which deviate markedly from the others, is the median.

The *median* is defined to be the middle number when data is ordered with respect to size. If there is no middle number, as is the case when the total set contains an even number of elements, then the median is the arithmetic mean of the two middle numbers. Thus, in the example above, $7,000 is the median salary. This seems to be a more significant figure than the mean in this case, since now half the salaries are higher (or equal), and half the salaries are lower (or equal). You recognize the median as the 50th percentile, a term used in reporting test data. Notice that the median would remain unchanged even if the President's salary were doubled, while the mean would be changed sharply to $19,000. We should not fault the mean for being affected by individual observations; it may be that this is the exact point we wish to emphasize.

Still another measure of central tendency is the mode. The mode is defined to be the number which occurs most often in a group of observations. Using our previous example, we see the mode to be $5,000 . Occasionally, a set of data will have more than one mode.

These three measures, mean, median, and mode, are all used at times to describe central tendency. Any time reference is made to an average we must understand what measure is being used. Either careless or deliberate misuse of these terms can lead to erroneous conclusions. Thus the saying, "Figures don't lie, but liars figure."

It is important for students to realize that very different sets of data may have the same measure of central tendency. Consider a second company of nine employees. Salaries for this company, Company B, are listed with salaries of the previous company, Company A, for comparison.

Company A	Company B
$ 45,000	19,000
35,000	18,000
10,000	17,000
9,000	16,000
7,000	14,000
6,000	12,000
5,000	11,000
5,000	10,000
4,000	9,000

Examining the salaries as displayed in tabulated form shows a very different salary structure; for instance the lowest salary in Company B is greater than the five lowest in Company A. On the other hand, both companies have the same mean salary, $14,000 . An important difference between these two situations is the difference between the highest and lowest salary in each case. In Company A this difference is $41,000 while in Company B it is only $10,000 . This number, the difference between the largest and smallest number in a set of observations, is called the range. We see that the smaller the range the closer the individual members of the set are to the measures of central tendency; that is, the closer they "cluster" about the mean. The range then gives us some indication of how the data is distributed about the mean. It is a measure of dispersion.

Another measure of dispersion is the average deviation from the mean. The average deviation is computed by finding the difference between each number and the mean, and then finding the mean of these differences. This gives us "on the average" how much each individual observation deviates from the mean.

Let us refer again to our companies, each with a mean of $14,000, and compute the average deviations in each case.

Company A (mean $14,000)		Company B (mean $14,000)	
Salary	Deviation from mean	Salary	Deviation from mean
45,000	31,000	19,000	5,000
35,000	21,000	18,000	4,000
10,000	4,000	17,000	3,000
9,000	5,000	16,000	2,000
7,000	7,000	14,000	0
6,000	8,000	12,000	2,000
5,000	9,000	11,000	3,000
5,000	9,000	10,000	4,000
4,000	10,000	9,000	5,000
	104,000		28,000

Company A	Company B
Average Deviation	Average Deviation
$11,544 $\left(\frac{104,000}{9}\right)$	$3,111 $\left(\frac{28,000}{9}\right)$

Here again the relative sizes of the average deviations gives us information on the scatter of the data about the mean. Although other measures of central tendency are more commonly used, the average deviation is easy to compute and does give us an indication of dispersion.

The range has the disadvantage that it is affected by individual observations, and thus may not always give an accurate picture of the distribution. The average deviation is less influenced by any one observation and thus gives a better indication of the scatter of the data.

You are familiar with other measures of dispersion such as standard deviations and variance, but these are much more difficult to compute and their interpretation requires much more time than is generally available in grade seven.

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6. Find the mean, median and mode of the following observations: (4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 8, 8, 10, 10, 11) .

7. What is the range of the above data?

8. Find the average deviation from the mean for the distribution in Exercise 6.

14.3 Probability

The study of probability and its applications is an important part of many disciplines. Relatively simple ideas which can be expressed in terms of coins, cards, dice, and marbles in bags, have developed into a powerful tool used in a wide variety of areas. The methods of statistical inference developed from the ideas of probability are used in making decisions in such diverse areas as medical research, quality control, and insurance. An understanding of some of the key ideas of probability should be part of every junior high school student's education. These ideas are relatively simple to grasp and can be used to answer a variety of questions about chance events.

When we talk about the probability of some event occuring we are asking the question, "How many times can we expect an event to occur in a given number of trials?" In the simple example of a coin we see that when flipped in the air it can land two ways, either heads or tails. It seems reasonable that one outcome is just as likely to occur as the other and we would expect to obtain about twenty-five heads and twenty-five tails in fifty trials. We would say that the ratio of the number of heads to the number of trials is $1 : 2$. Since this means that about half the time we would get a head, we say that the probability of getting a head is $\frac{1}{2}$. The same reasoning leads us to expect a given number, say a 3, about one out of six times when rolling an ordinary die. We would expect the ratio of the number of threes to the number of rolls to be $1 : 6$. Again we would say the probability of getting a three is $\frac{1}{6}$. Notice that in these cases only one of the possible outcomes can occur at a time and each appears equally likely.

This idea leads us to one of the basic notions of probability. If all the possible outcomes of an experiment are equally likely, then we may express the probability that an event E will occur as

$$P(E) = \frac{t}{s}$$

where t is the number of possible outcomes in which event E occurs, and s is the total number of possible outcomes.

Thus the probability of a head showing on a single toss of a coin is

$$P(H) = \frac{1}{2}$$

since, of the 2 possible, equally likely outcomes (H and T), only 1 (H) is a success.

The probability of a 6 showing on a single roll of a die is

$$P(6) = \frac{1}{6}$$

since, of the 6 possible, equally likely outcomes (1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6), only one (6) is a success.

What can we say about the number $\frac{t}{s}$ in the probability formula $P(E) = \frac{t}{s}$? If every possible outcome is considered a success, then $t = s$, $\frac{t}{s} = 1$, and the probability of success is 1. If no outcome is considered a success, $t = 0$, $\frac{t}{s} = 0$, and the probability of success is 0.

If an event A is certain to occur, then $P(A) = 1$.

If an event B cannot occur, then $P(B) = 0$.

Further, we may write

$$0 \leq P(E) \leq 1 \quad .$$

As the probability changes from 0 toward 1, we become more and more certain of success.

Example: What is the probability of drawing the four of hearts from an ordinary deck of 52 playing cards?

Solution: Since out of 52 possible outcomes a success can occur in only one way, the probability is $\frac{1}{52}$. We assume each card has an equal chance of being drawn.

Example: What is the probability of drawing an ace from the same deck of 52 playing cards?

Solution: Here we may draw any one of the four aces so that a success may occur four ways out of the 52 possible outcomes. Thus the probability of an ace is $P(\text{ace}) = \frac{4}{52} = \frac{1}{13}$.

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9. What is the probability of getting an even number in rolling an ordinary die with six faces numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 ?

10. What is the probability of getting a prime number in rolling the die in Problem 9?

11. What is the probability of drawing a five from an ordinary deck of 52 playing cards?

12. What is the probability of drawing a red five from an ordinary deck of 52 cards?

Since the probability of event A is given by $P(A) = \frac{t}{s}$ then the probability of A not occurring will be given by

$$P(\text{not } A) = \frac{s - t}{s} .$$

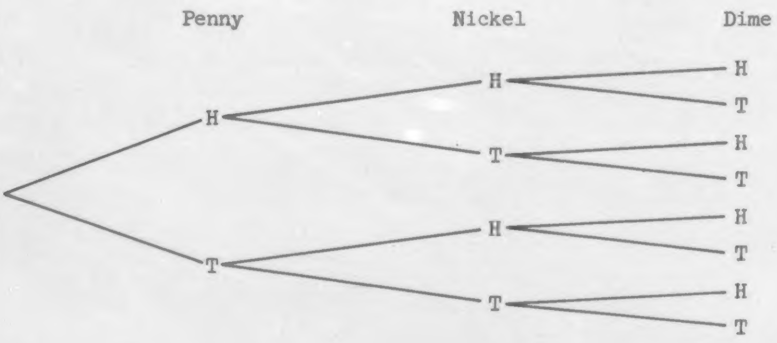
(This is so, because if A can occur in t ways, then it will fail to occur in $s - t$ ways.) But changing the form of this fraction gives the following:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{not } A) &= \frac{s - t}{s} \\ &= \frac{s}{s} - \frac{t}{s} \\ &= 1 - \frac{t}{s} \\ P(\text{not } A) &= 1 - P(A) . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the probability of an event not occurring is 1 minus the probability of the event occurring. This seems necessary since we want the sum of the probabilities for any particular situation to add to 1.

$$P(A) + P(\text{not } A) = 1$$

To answer many questions of probability we need a method of determining all possible outcomes of certain types of events. One way of listing the outcomes is illustrated below. Suppose we wish to enumerate the possible outcomes in flipping a penny, nickel, and dime. The tree diagram below shows all possible arrangements for the three coins.



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From this tree we see there are eight possible outcomes, listed below.

POSSIBLE OUTCOMES

HHH
HHT
HTH
HTT
THH
THT
TTH
TTT

Since each of these possible outcomes is equally likely, we assign to each the probability $\frac{1}{8}$. The sum of the probabilities for all possible outcomes in this situation, as in all cases, is 1 . We are now in a position to answer questions such as the following, "What is the probability of getting 2 heads and one tail when three coins are flipped?" Referring to the table we see that 2 heads and one tail can occur three ways out of the eight, so that the probability is $\frac{3}{8}$.

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Use the table developed above to answer the following:

13. What is the probability of getting at least two heads?

14. What is the probability of all three coins being the same?

14.4 Probability of A or B

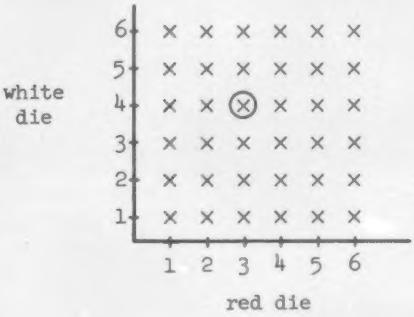
Our previous discussion was limited to single events. Other situations arise when we want to know the probability that one of two or more events occurs. Let us consider the possible outcomes if we roll two dice and record the numbers showing. We could use a tree to list all possible outcomes but another way would be to think of the two dice as being different colors, say red and white. Then we see that we could get a red 1, with any face of the white, i.e., R1-W1, R1-W2, R1-W3, R1-W4, R1-W5, R1-W6. The same possibilities exist for a red 2, a red 3, and so forth. This leads us to the table below.

Possible Outcomes with Two Dice

R W	R W	R W	R W	R W	R W
(1,1)	(2,1)	(3,1)	(4,1)	(5,1)	(6,1)
(1,2)	(2,2)	(3,2)	(4,2)	(5,2)	(6,2)
(1,3)	(2,3)	(3,3)	(4,3)	(5,3)	(6,3)
(1,4)	(2,4)	(3,4)	(4,4)	(5,4)	(6,4)
(1,5)	(2,5)	(3,5)	(4,5)	(5,5)	(6,5)
(1,6)	(2,6)	(3,6)	(4,6)	(5,6)	(6,6)

In the table we are using an ordered pair notation. For example, (3,4) means a 3 on the red die and a 4 on the white die. Notice that this is quite different from (4,3), a 4 on the red die and a 3 on the white.

Sometimes the possible outcomes of an experiment are represented in a sample space as shown below.



The circled × corresponds to the outcomes (3,4). To each of the 36 ×'s in the sample space we have assigned the probability of $\frac{1}{36}$ since each outcome is equally likely to all others. Thus $P(3,4) = \frac{1}{36}$.

With a sample space of this type, many probability problems reduce themselves to simple problems of counting applied to the formula $P(E) = \frac{t}{s}$. This relationship of counting to probability is very important and is one of the reasons why probability makes an appropriate topic for the junior high school mathematics class.

If we ask for the probability of getting a sum of 3 on one roll of the red and white dice, there are two possibilities associated with the event, (1,2) and (2,1). The probability then is given by

$$P(\text{sum of } 3) = P\,[(1,2) \text{ or } (2,1)] = \frac{2}{36}$$

Notice, however, that each individual event has a probability of $\frac{1}{36}$

so that we could have arrived at the same answer by adding the individual probabilities.

$$P\Big((1,2) \text{ or } (2,1)\Big) = P(1,2) + P(2,1) = \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{36} = \frac{2}{36}$$

This property of adding probabilities holds only when the outcomes under question are __mutually exclusive__; that is, when they cannot occur at the same time. If events A and B are mutually exclusive and have probabilities $P(A)$ and $P(B)$ respectively, then

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) .$$

Consider again the probabilitiy of getting a sum of 3 or less on a single roll of the red and white dice. The sum of 3 or less means a sum of 3 or a sum of 2. (Note that 2 is the lowest sum possible on two dice.) The event 3 and the event 2 are mutually exclusive, hence we proceed as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{sum of } 3 \text{ or less}) &= P(\text{sum of } 3 \text{ or sum of } 2) \\ &= P(\text{sum of } 3) + P(\text{sum of } 2) \\ &= P\Big((1,2) \text{ or } (2,1)\Big) + P(1,1) \\ &= P(1,2) + P(2,1) + P(1,1) \\ &= \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{36} \\ &= \frac{3}{36} = \frac{1}{12} \end{aligned}$$

Our result, of course, agrees with that found for the same problem solved directly by counting points in the sample space.

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Use the table developed in this section to answer Exercises 15-18.

15. What is the probability of a result with a sum of 8?
16. What is the probability of getting a double? (both faces the same)
17. What is the probability of getting a double or a sum of nine?
18. What is the probability of getting a double or a sum of eight?
19. From a bag containing 3 red marbles, 5 white marbles, and 4 black marbles, one is drawn. Answer the following questions.
    - (a) What is the probability of getting a red? white? black?
    - (b) What is the probability of getting a red or black?
    - (c) What is the probability of getting a white or red?
    - (d) What is the probability of getting a red or white or black?

14.5 Probability of A and B

The question considered in the last section, the probability of either A or B, has its counterpart which may be asked as follows: "What is the probability of both events A and B occurring?" If we consider the simple case of flipping two coins, then we have four possible outcomes:

$$(H,H)\ ,\quad (H,T)\ ,\quad (T,H)\ ,\quad (T,T)\ .$$

Again, we adopt the notation where the first letter corresponds to the first coin; the second to the second coin. We agree that each of these four possible outcomes is equally likely to each other. Hence to each we assign the probability $\frac{1}{4}$. Thus, we may write

$$P(H,H) = \frac{1}{4}\ .$$

If A is the event that the first coin shows heads and B the event that the second coin shows heads, then we have $P(A \text{ and } B) = \frac{1}{4}$. Notice, however, that individually

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad P(B) = \frac{1}{2}\ .$$

In this case then,

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)\ .$$

In other words,

$$\begin{aligned} P(H,H) &= P\Big((\text{first coin H}) \text{ and } (\text{second coin H})\Big) \\ &= P(\text{first coin H}) \cdot P(\text{second coin H}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}\ . \end{aligned}$$

Let us try this approach on the probability of getting a (1,1) when rolling the red and white dice. We already know that this probability is $\frac{1}{36}$ but notice again that the probability of each individual event (a 1 on the red die and a 1 on the white die) is $\frac{1}{6}$ so that the desired probability is given by the product $\frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$.

This observation is true in general whenever the events are independent. By independent we mean that the outcome of one event has no effect on the outcome of the second. In general:

> If events A and B are independent, with probabilities P(A) and P(B) respectively, then the probability that both events occur is given by
>
> $$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)\ .$$

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As an example of the above, suppose we flip a coin and roll a single die and ask the probability of getting both a head and a 5. Certainly the two events are independent, and since the probabilities of the two events are $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{6}$ respectively, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(H \text{ and } 5) &= P(H) \cdot P(5) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \\ &= \frac{1}{12} . \end{aligned}$$

This example is simple and could also be solved by a tree or table showing all possible outcomes. In more complicated examples, however, the use of the individual probabilities is simpler.

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20. Find the probability of a head showing on each of 5 tosses of a coin.

21. A coin is tossed and a die is rolled. What is the probability of getting a head and an odd number?

22. In the preceding problem what is the probability of getting a head and a number less than six?

Answers to Class Exercises

1. $12\frac{1}{2}$ %
2. 135°
3. 45°
6. mean = 7

   median = 6

   mode = 5
7. range is 7
8. average deviation = $2\frac{2}{11}$
9. $\frac{1}{2}$
10. $\frac{1}{2}$
11. $\frac{1}{13}$ $(\frac{4}{52})$
12. $\frac{1}{26}$ $(\frac{2}{52})$
13. $\frac{1}{2}$ $(\frac{4}{8})$
14. $\frac{1}{4}$ $(\frac{2}{8})$
15. $\frac{5}{36}$
16. $\frac{1}{6}$ $(\frac{6}{36})$
17. $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{4}{36} = \frac{5}{18}$
18. $\frac{5}{18}$ $(\frac{10}{36})$ Note that these events are not mutually exclusive.
    (4,4) gives a sum of 8 and is at the same time
    a double.
19. (a) $\frac{3}{12}$, $\frac{5}{12}$, $\frac{4}{12}$ (b) $\frac{7}{12}$ (c) $\frac{2}{3}$ $(\frac{8}{12})$ (d) 1
20. $\frac{1}{32}$
21. $\frac{1}{4}$
22. $\frac{5}{12}$

Chapter Exercises

1. Six darts were thrown at a circular dart board. The following observations were obtained: $(8, 7\frac{1}{2}, 3\frac{1}{2}, 4, 5, 4)$. Each observation is the measured distance in inches of a dart from the center of the target.

   Find the mean, median, and mode of the data.

2. What is the range and average deviation of the data in Exercise 1?

3. Suppose in Exercise 1, all the measures had been doubled by mistake. What would happen to the mean? Is your conclusion true in general?

4. What would happen to the range and average deviation if the data in Exercise 1 had been doubled? Are your conclusions true in general?

5. If a bag of 100 oranges contains 9 bad, what is the probability of the first orange chosen being good? If you have given away 37 oranges, one of which was bad, what is the probability that the next one is bad?

6. Make a table showing the possible outcomes in flipping four coins.

Using the table above, answer Exercises 7-10.

7. What is the probability of all heads?

8. What is the probability of exactly three heads?

9. What is the probability of one or more heads. (Hint: First find the probability of no heads.)

10. What is the probability of exactly one head or all tails?

11. An ordinary deck of 52 playing cards is shuffled, one card drawn, replaced, the deck shuffled, and a second card drawn.
    (a) What is the probability that both cards are red?
    (b) What is the probability that the first card is a spade and the second is the ace of hearts?
    (c) What is the probability that the second card is the same as the first?
    (d) What is the probability that the two of hearts is chosen first and the three of hearts is chosen second?

12. A coin is flipped ten times and a head appears each time. Assuming the coin to be honest, what is the probability of a head appearing next. (Hint: The coin does not have a memory.)

Chapter 7

Answers to Chapter Exercises

1. (a) $39 = 3 \times 13$
   (b) $60 = 2^2 \times 3 \times 5$
   (c) $81 = 3^4$
   (d) $98 = 2 \times 7^2$
   (e) $180 = 2^2 \times 3^2 \times 5$
   (f) $258 = 2 \times 3 \times 43$
   (g) $576 = 2^6 \times 3^2$
   (h) $2324 = 2^2 \times 7 \times 83$

2. (a) l.c.m. = 78
   g.c.f. = 6
   (b) l.c.m. = 210
   g.c.f. = 7
   (c) l.c.m. = 1517
   g.c.f. = 1

3.

N	Factors of N	Number of Factors	Sum of Factors
9	1, 3, 9	3	13
10	1, 2, 5, 10	4	18
11	1, 11	2	12
12	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12	6	28
13	1, 13	2	14
14	1, 2, 7, 14	4	24
15	1, 3, 5, 15	4	24
16	1, 2, 4, 8, 16	5	31
17	1, 17	2	18
18	1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 18	6	39
19	1, 19	2	20
20	1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20	6	42
21	1, 3, 7, 21	4	32
22	1, 2, 11, 22	4	36
23	1, 23	2	24
24	1,2,3,4,6,8,12,24	8	60
25	1, 5, 25	3	31
26	1, 2, 13, 26	4	42
27	1, 3, 9, 27	4	40
28	1, 2, 4, 7, 14, 28	6	56
29	1, 29	2	30
30	1,2,3,5,6,10,15,30	8	72

(a) 2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29 (the prime numbers)

(b) 4,9,25 (the squares of prime numbers)

(c) Three: 1, p and p^2 (d) Four: 1,p,q,pq. The sum is 1+p+q+pq.

(e) The factors are: $1, 2, 2^2, 2^3, \ldots, 2^k$. There are k + 1 of them.

4. (a) No. It is not possible to have exactly four numbers between two odd numbers. Between any two odd primes there is always an odd number of numbers. If they are consecutive odd primes all the numbers between would have to be composite.

(b) Yes. For example, between 23 and 29 there are exactly 5 composite numbers: 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.

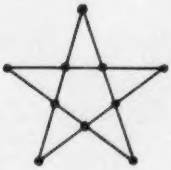
5. (a) 135, 222, 783, and 1065 are all divisible by three.
(b) 222 is the only number divisible by six.
(c) 135 and 783 are divisible by nine.
(d) 135 and 1065 are divisible by five.
(e) 135 and 1065 are divisible by fifteen.
(f) None of the numbers are divisible by four.

6.

Rows	Bulbs per row
1	112
2	56
4	28
8	14
16	7

(Bulbs and rows may be interchanged.)

7. The pattern is a five-pointed star.



8. (a) No
(b) Yes
(c) No
(d) Yes

Chapter 8

Answers to Chapter Exercises

1. (a) $(3 \times 10) + (2 \times 1) + (7 \times \frac{1}{10}) + (8 \times \frac{1}{10^2}) + (5 \times \frac{1}{10^3})$

   (b) $(4 \times 5) + (2 \times 1) + (3 \times \frac{1}{5}) + (4 \times \frac{1}{5^2}) + (1 \times \frac{1}{5^3})$

2. a, c

3. (a)
$$\begin{aligned} 0.27 + 0.47 &= (27 \times \tfrac{1}{100}) + (47 \times \tfrac{1}{100}) \\ &= (27 + 47) \times \tfrac{1}{100} \\ &= 74 \times \tfrac{1}{100} \\ &= \tfrac{74}{100} \\ &= .74 \end{aligned}$$

   (b)
$$\begin{aligned} 0.4 \times 0.37 &= (4 \times \tfrac{1}{10}) \times (37 \times \tfrac{1}{100}) \\ &= (4 \times 37) \times (\tfrac{1}{10} \times \tfrac{1}{100}) \\ &= 148 \times \tfrac{1}{1000} \\ &= \tfrac{148}{1000} \\ &= .148 \end{aligned}$$

4. (a) $\frac{21}{4}$ (b) $\frac{36}{5}$

5. AC = 15, DE = 4, EF = 8

6. (a) 1000 % (b) 100 % (c) 10 % (d) 1 % (e) $\frac{1}{10}$ %

7. (a) 75 % (b) $133\frac{1}{3}$ % (c) $42\frac{6}{7}$ % (d) $6\frac{2}{3}$ % (e) $1\frac{2}{3}$ %

Chapter 9

Answers to Chapter Exercises

1. (a) $.66\overline{6}\ \ldots$ (b) $.44\overline{4}\ \ldots$ (c) $.27\overline{27}\ \ldots$ (d) $.02\overline{02}\ \ldots$

2. (a) 35353 (b) 35555 (c) 35535

3. (a) $\frac{4}{33}$ (b) $\frac{16}{37}$ (c) $\frac{7}{10}$

4. rational: b, e
   irrational: a, c, d

5. rational: a, c, e
   irrational: b, d

6. e; a

7. Answers will vary.
   (a) rational: 0.345335 ; $0.34534\overline{34}\ \ldots$
   (b) irrational: 0.3453453345333 ... ; 0.3453373337 ...

8. $\frac{1}{7} = .142857\overline{142857}\ \ldots$
   $\frac{2}{7} = .285714\overline{285714}\ \ldots$
   $\frac{3}{7} = .428571\overline{428571}\ \ldots$
   $\frac{4}{7} = .571428\overline{571428}\ \ldots$
   $\frac{5}{7} = .714285\overline{714285}\ \ldots$
   $\frac{6}{7} = .857142\overline{857142}\ \ldots$

   Note that the same digits appear in each representation, (1,4,2,8,5,7). These then reappear in cyclic fashion for each decimal, with the initial digits being in the order 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8.

9. $\frac{1}{13} = .\overline{076923}$ $\frac{2}{13} = .\overline{153846}$
   $\frac{3}{13} = .\overline{230769}$ $\frac{4}{13} = .\overline{307692}$
   $\frac{5}{13} = .\overline{384615}$ $\frac{6}{13} = .\overline{461538}$
   $\frac{7}{13} = .\overline{538461}$ $\frac{8}{13} = .\overline{615384}$
   $\frac{9}{13} = .\overline{692307}$ $\frac{10}{13} = .\overline{769230}$
   $\frac{11}{13} = .\overline{846153}$ $\frac{12}{13} = .\overline{923076}$

10. (a) 1,2
    (b) 11,12
    (c) 3,4
    (d) 5,6
    (e) 2,3
    (f) 9,10
    (g) 14,15
    (h) 8,9

11. (a) $30\frac{1}{3}$

(b) $\sqrt{3}$

(c) 24

(d) $\frac{1}{28}$

(e) 5

(f) 5

(g) $7\frac{7}{8}$

(h) $\sqrt{11}$

(i) 18

(j) 2

(k) 33

(l) $\sqrt{29}$

(m) 16

(n) $15\frac{10}{11}$

(o) $\sqrt{13}$

(p) $\sqrt{5}$

counting numbers : c, e, f, i, j, k, m

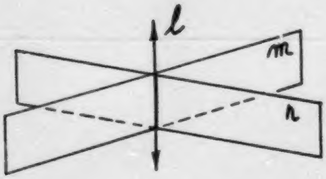
rational numbers : a, d, g, n

irrational numbers : b, h, l, o, p

Chapter 10

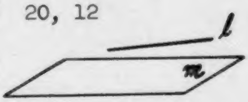
Answers to Chapter Exercises

1.



2. (a) 8, 0
   (b) 20, 12

3. (a)



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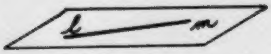

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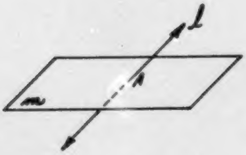
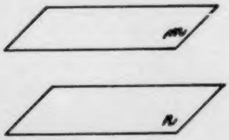
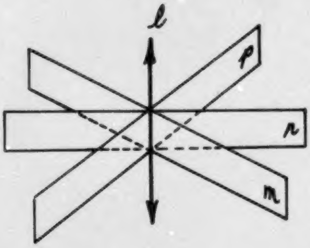


4. (a) See Exercise 1.
   (b)



(c)



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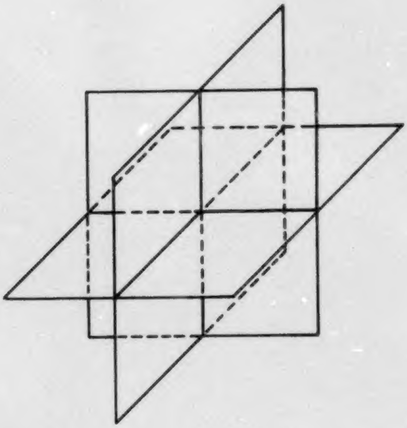


5. The ray includes an end point, the half-line does not.

6. AB denotes the line passing through points A and B.

$\overline{AB}$ is the segment with A and B as end points.

BA is the ray starting at point B and passing through A.

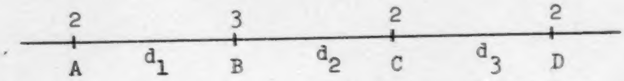
AB is the ray starting at point A and passing through B.

7. Many answers are possible, only one set is given.

(a) ABF, FBC
(b) HEF, DAB
(c) HEF, ABF, FBC
(d) ABF, HDB, FBC
(e) EA, FB
(f) HF, AC
(g) AB, BD, BC
(h) HF, EG, LM
(i) EAB, HDB, FBC, DAB

8. One plane, if the point is not on the line.

9. At first not enough information seems to be given. How far apart are the houses? The total distance walked, and thus the minimum distance, would seem to depend upon the distances between each house. Let us start, however, and for the moment assign distances between houses as shown.



Then if meetings are held at house A, 7 boys must walk distance d_1, 4 must walk d_2, and 2 must walk d_3, so that the total distance walked is

$$7d_1 + 4d_2 + 2d_3 \qquad \text{(house A)} .$$

Using the same argument gives the following:

$$2d_1 + 4d_2 + 2d_3 \qquad \text{(house B)}$$

$$2d_1 + 5d_2 + 2d_3 \qquad \text{(house C)}$$

$$2d_1 + 5d_2 + 7d_3 \qquad \text{(house D)}$$

Examining the four cases shows that meeting at house B will minimize walking. Surprisingly enough, the conclusion is the same regardless of the distances d_1, d_2, and d_3.

Chapter 11

Answers to Chapter Exercises

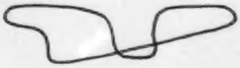
1. The models form a rectangular prism and a hexagonal prism.

2. a and d are closed, only a is a simple closed curve.

3. The angles are not equal, since they are two different angles. Recall that angles are sets of points and that sets are equal only when they are identical.

4. Answers may vary widely; only samples are given.

(a)



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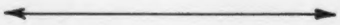

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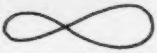
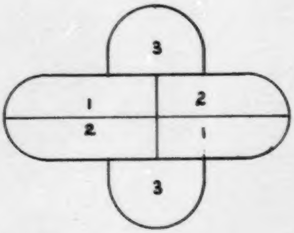
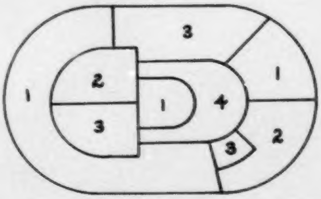


5. No. Euler's formula does not hold. $V = 12$, $E = 20$, $F = 9$, and $V - E + F = 1$.

6. If a Moebius strip with two twists is cut down the middle, it falls into two loops which are interlocked.

7.

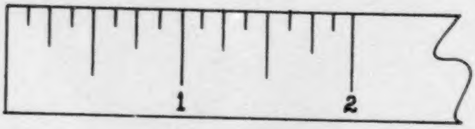




Chapter 12

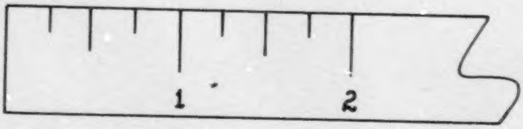
Answers to Chapter Exercises

1.



Subdivided to $\frac{1}{8}$ inch

2.



Subdivided to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch

3. The dimensions of the larger rectangle should be $5\frac{1}{4}''$ by $3\frac{3}{4}''$.

   The dimensions of the smaller rectangle should be $4\frac{3}{4}''$ by $3\frac{1}{4}''$.

4. Square, rectangle, parallelogram, rhombus, trapezoid, "kite". (There may be others suggested.)

5. A polygon whose sides are congruent and whose angles are congruent.

6. Two circles are congruent if their radii are congruent.

7. They are perpendicular.

8. One radius is twice the other.

9. Given a point C and a distance r, a sphere is the set of all points in space at distance r from point C.

10. Not necessarily. The definitions will vary depending on what is considered a "line" or "segment" on a sphere, and intuitive definitions should be accepted. This is difficult to define because a "triangle" may have more than one right angle. Note: The purpose of this exercise is to cause you to consider the "ground rules" of plane geometry, and that these rules do not necessarily hold in another physical situation.

Chapter 13

Answers to Chapter Exercises

1. (a) 1 foot each (b) 45", 4'
   (c) 4 is not the sum of 1, 1, and 1. Even though each error was less than one-half foot, the sum of the errors was over half a foot and therefore must be counted in the measure of the perimeter.

2. The square has the greater area.

3. (a) 116 sq. units (b) 112.5 sq. units

4. (a) 90 cubic inches approximately.
   (b) Approximately 111.4 cubic inches.
   (c) Even though each error was less than one-half inch, the product of the three numbers in (b) would increase the volume measure significantly.

5. 4 feet

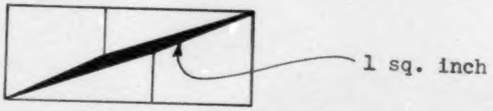
6. Approximately 0.004 cubic inches

7. (a) Approximately 13 inches
   (b) Approximately 38 cubic inches
   (c) Approximately 63 square inches

8. (a) $9\frac{1}{2}''$, $7\frac{1}{2}''$, $5\frac{1}{2}''$ (c) $391\frac{7}{8}$ cu. in.
   (b) $10\frac{1}{2}''$, $8\frac{1}{2}''$, $6\frac{1}{2}''$ (d) $580\frac{1}{8}$ cu. in.

9. (a) 64 sq. in. (b) 64 sq. in.

   This error is difficult to spot. Most people do not cut these exactly and miss the fact that there is a small parallelogram of area 1 square inch in the center of the completed rectangle. The figure might look similar to this:



10. (a) Circumference is doubled.
    (b) Area is 4 times as great.

Chapter 14

Answers to Chapter Exercises

1. mean = $5\frac{1}{3}$

   median = $4\frac{1}{2}$

   mode = 4

2. range = $4\frac{1}{2}$

   average deviation = $\frac{29}{18}$

3. The mean is also doubled.

   $$m_1 = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \ldots + x_n}{n}$$

   $$m_2 = \frac{2x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + \ldots + 2x_n}{n}$$

   $$= 2\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2 + \ldots + x_n}{n}\right) = 2m_1$$

   The median is likewise doubled, for the middle element is still the middle element.

4. The range is also doubled for if x_a is the smallest and x_b is the largest in the original distribution the range is $x_b - x_a$. The new range will be $2x_b - 2x_a = 2(x_b - x_a)$.

   The average deviation is doubled as the following example consisting of four elements will indicate.

   $\{a, b, c, d\}$

   $$m_1 \quad \frac{a + b + c + d}{4}$$

   $$\text{Average deviation} = \frac{a - m_1 + b - m_1 + c - m_1 + d - m_1}{4}$$

   $$= \frac{a + b + c + d - 4m_1}{4}$$

   $\{2a, 2b, 2c, 2d\}$

   $$m_2 = \frac{2(a + b + c + d)}{4} = 2m_1$$

   $$\text{Average deviation} = \frac{2a + 2b + 2c + 2d - 4m_2}{4}$$

   $$= \frac{2a + 2b + 2c + 2d - 8m_1}{4} = 2\left(\frac{a + b + c + d - 4m_1}{4}\right).$$

5. $\frac{91}{100}$, $\frac{8}{63}$

6. H H H H
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H T H H
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7. $P(H\ H\ H\ H) = \frac{1}{16}$

8. $P(\text{three H's}) = \frac{1}{4}$

9. $$\begin{aligned} P(\text{at least one H}) &= 1 - P(\text{no H}) \\ &= 1 - P(T\ T\ T\ T) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{16} \\ &= \frac{15}{16} \end{aligned}$$

10. $P(\text{one H or } T\ T\ T\ T)$
$= P(\text{one H}) + P(T\ T\ T\ T)$
$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16}$
$= \frac{5}{16}$

11. (a) $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$
(b) $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{52} = \frac{1}{208}$
(c) $\frac{1}{52}$
(d) $\frac{1}{52} \times \frac{1}{52} = \frac{1}{2704}$

12. $\frac{1}{2}$

GLOSSARY

Mathematical terms and expressions are frequently used with different meanings and connotations in different fields or levels of mathematics. The following glossary explains some of the mathematical words and phrases as they are used in this book. These are not intended to be formal definitions. More explanations as well as figures and examples may be found in the book by reference through the index.

A

ALGORITHM (ALGORISM). A special process for solving problems.

ANGLE. The union of two rays which have the same endpoint but which do not lie in the same line.

ARC. A part of a circle determined by two points on the circle.

AREA. A measurement in terms of a specified unit which is assigned to a closed region. Note that both number and unit must be given, as 30 square feet.

ASSOCIATIVE PROPERTY OF ADDITION. For the three numbers $\underline{a}$, $\underline{b}$, and $\underline{c}$

$$(a + b) + c = a + (b + c) .$$

ASSOCIATIVE PROPERTY OF MULTIPLICATION. For the three numbers $\underline{a}$, $\underline{b}$, and $\underline{c}$

$$(a \times b) \times c = a \times (b \times c) .$$

B

BASE (of a numeration system). The number used in the fundamental grouping. Thus 10 is the base of the decimal system and 2 is the base of the binary system.

BASE (of a geometric figure). A particular side or face of a geometric figure.

BINARY NUMERATION SYSTEM. A numeration system whose base is two.

BINARY OPERATION. An operation applied to a pair of numbers.

BRACES { }. Symbols used in this book exclusively to indicate sets of objects. The members of the set are listed or specified within the braces.

BROKEN LINE CURVE. A curve formed from segments joined end to end but not forming a straight line.

C

CIRCLE. The set of all points in a plane which are the same distance from a given point. A simple closed curve in a plane each of whose points is the same distance from a fixed point.

CLOSED CURVE. A curve that can be represented by a figure that starts and stops at the same point.

CLOSURE. An operation in a set has the property of closure if the result of the operation on members of the set is a member of the set.

COMMUTATIVE PROPERTY OF ADDITION. For the two numbers $\underline{a}$ and $\underline{b}$,

$$a + b = b + a .$$

COMMUTATIVE PROPERTY OF MULTIPLICATION. For the two numbers $\underline{a}$ and $\underline{b}$,

$$a \times b = b \times a .$$

COMPOSITE NUMBER. A whole number greater than 1 which is not a prime number.

CONE. A surface formed when a plane cuts a conical surface such that the intersection is a simple closed curve. The cone is that part of the conical surface between the vertex and the plane, the vertex, and the closed region cut from the plane that forms the base.

CONGRUENCE. The relationship between two geometric figures which have exactly the same size and shape.

CONVEX POLYGON. A polygon whose interior is in the interior of each of its angles. It is also defined as a polygon which lies entirely in or on the edge of the half plane determined by each of the sides in turn.

COUNTING NUMBERS. The numbers used in counting: $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \ldots\}$

CURVE. A set of all those points which lie on a particular path from A to B.

CYLINDER. A surface formed when two parallel planes intersect a cylindrical surface. It is the portion of the cylindrical surface between the planes, together with the closed regions cut from the planes.

CYLINDRICAL SURFACE. A surface formed by all lines passing through a simple closed curve in a plane, parallel to a line not in the plane.

D

DECIMAL. A numeral written in the extended decimal place value system.

DECIMAL PLACE VALUE SYSTEM. A place value numeration system with ten as the base for grouping.

DEGREE. A common unit for numerical measure of angles. The symbol for a degree is $^{\circ}$.

DENSE. A property of the sets of rational and real numbers. The rational (real) numbers are dense because between any two rational (real) numbers there is a third rational (real) number.

DIAMETER OF A CIRCLE. A line segment which contains the center of the circle and whose endpoints lie on the circle.

DISJOINT SETS. Two or more sets which have no members in common.

DISTRIBUTIVE PROPERTY. A joint property of multiplication and addition. This property says that multiplication is distributive over addition. For any numbers a, b, and c,

$$a \times (b + c) = (a \times b) + (a \times c) .$$

E

ELEMENT OF A SET. An object in a set; a member of a set.

EMPTY SET. The set which has no members.

EQUAL, symbol =. $A = B$ means that A and B are two different names for the same object.

EQUIVALENT NUMERALS. Numerals that name the same number.

EQUIVALENT SETS. Sets that can be put into a one-to-one correspondence.

EXPANDED FORM. 532 written as $(5 \times 10^2) + (3 \times 10) + (2 \times 1)$ is said to be written in expanded form.

F

FACTOR. If $bx = a$, with a, b, and x, whole numbers, then b is a factor of a.

FRACTION. Any expression of the form $\frac{x}{y}$ where x and y represent numbers.

G

GREATEST COMMON FACTOR. The largest whole number which is a factor of two or more given whole numbers.

H

HALF-LINE. A line separated by a point results in two half-lines, neither of which contains the point.

HALF-PLANE. A plane separated by a line results in two half-planes, neither of which contains the line.

HALF-SPACE. Space separated by a plane results in two half spaces, neither of which contains the plane.

I

IDENTITY ELEMENT FOR ADDITION. The number 0 which has the property

$$0 + a = a + 0 = a .$$

IDENTITY ELEMENT FOR MULTIPLICATION. The number 1 which has the property that

$$1 \times a = a \times 1 = a .$$

INTEGER. Any whole number or its opposite.

INTERSECTION OF TWO SETS. The set of all elements common to each of the given sets.

IRRATIONAL NUMBER. A real number which cannot be expressed in the form $\frac{a}{b}$ where *a* is an integer and *b* is a counting number, i.e., any number that is not a rational number.

L

LEAST COMMON MULTIPLE. The smallest non-zero whole number which is a multiple of each of two given whole numbers.

LENGTH OF A LINE SEGMENT. A measurement in terms of a specified unit which is assigned to the segment. Note that both number and unit must be given, as 3 feet or 5 miles, etc.

LINE (STRAIGHT LINE). A particular set of points in space (an undefined term in geometry). Informally it can be thought of as the extension of a line segment.

LINE SEGMENT. A special case of the curves between two points. It may be represented by a string stretched tautly between its two endpoints.

M

MATCH. Two sets match each other if their members can be put in one-to-one correspondence.

MEASURE. A number assigned to a geometric figure indicating its size with respect to a specific unit.

MEMBER OF A SET. An object or element in a set.

METRIC SYSTEM. A decimal system of measure with the meter as the standard unit of length.

MULTIPLE OF A WHOLE NUMBER. A product of that number and any whole number.

N

NEGATIVE RATIONAL NUMBER. The opposite of a positive rational number. (See OPPOSITE NUMBERS.)

NON-NEGATIVE RATIONAL NUMBER. All the positive rational numbers and zero.

NUMBER.
See Whole number
Counting number
Rational number
Negative rational number
Irrational number
Real number .

NUMBER LINE. A model to show numbers and their order. The model is used first for the whole numbers. The markings and names are extended as the number system is extended until finally a 1-1 correspondence is set up between all the points of the line and all the real numbers.

NUMERAL. A name or symbol used for a number.

NUMERATION SYSTEM. A numeral system for naming numbers.

NUMBER SENTENCE. A mathematical sentence stating a relationship between numbers.

O

ONE-TO-ONE CORRESPONDENCE. A pairing between two sets A, B, which associates with each member of A a single member of B, and with each member of B a single member of A.

OPEN SENTENCE. A sentence with one or more symbols that may be replaced by the elements of a given set.

OPERATION. A (binary) operation is an association of an ordered pair of numbers with a third number.

OPPOSITE NUMBERS. A pair of numbers whose sum is 0.

ORDER. A property of a set of numbers which permits one to say when a and b are in the set whether a is "less than," "greater than," or "equal to" b.

ORDERED PAIR. An ordered pair of objects is a set of two objects in which one of them is specified as being first.

P

PAIRING. A correspondence between an element of one set and an element of another set.

PARALLEL LINES. Lines in the same plane which do not intersect.

PARALLEL PLANES. Planes that do not intersect.

PARALLELOGRAM. A quadrilateral whose opposite sides are parallel.

PERCENT. Means "per hundred," as 3 per hundred or 3 percent.

PERIMETER. The total length of a closed curve.

PLACE VALUES The values given to the different positions in a numeral.

PLACE VALUE NUMERATION SYSTEM. A numeration system which uses the position or place in the numeral to indicate the value of the digit in that place.

PLANE. A particular set of points. It can be thought of as the extension of a flat surface such as a table. Usually an undefined term in geometry.

PLANE CURVE. A plane curve is a curve all points of which lie in a plane.

PLANE CLOSED REGION. The interior of any simple closed plane curve together with the curve.

POINT. An undefined term. It may be thought of as an exact location in space.

POLYGON. A simple closed curve in a plane which is the union of three or more line segments.

POSITIVE RATIONAL NUMBER. Any number that can be expressed as $\frac{a}{b}$ where $\underline{a}$ is a whole number and $\underline{b}$ is a counting number.

POSTULATE. A statement which is accepted without proof.

PRIME NUMBER. Any whole number that has exactly two different factors (namely itself and 1).

PRISM. A surface consisting of two congruent polygonal regions as bases and plane regions bounded by parallelograms as lateral faces.

PROPORTION. A statement of equality between two ratios.

PYRAMID. A surface which is a set of points consisting of a polygonal region called the base, a point called the vertex not in the same plane as the base, and all the triangular regions determined by the vertex and the sides of the base.

R

RADIUS OF CIRCLE. A line segment with one endpoint the center of the circle and the other endpoint on the circle.

RATIO. A relationship $a:b$ between an ordered pair of numbers $\underline{a}$ and $\underline{b}$ where $b \neq 0$. The ratio may be also expressed by the fraction $\frac{a}{b}$.

RATIONAL NUMBER. Any number which can be written in the form $\frac{a}{b}$ where $\underline{a}$ is an integer and $\underline{b}$ is a counting number.

RAY. The union of a point A and all those points of the line $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ on the same side of A as B.

REAL NUMBERS. The union of the set of rational numbers and the set of irrational numbers.

RECIPROCALS. Any pair of numbers whose product is 1.

REGION. See PLANE REGION.

REGROUPING. A word used to replace the words "carrying" and "borrowing."

RIGHT RECTANGULAR PRISM. A right prism whose base is a rectangle.

S

SEGMENT. See LINE SEGMENT.

SEPARATE. To divide a given set of points such as a line, plane, sphere, space, etc. into disjoint subsets by use of another subset such as a point, line, circle, plane, etc.

SET. A set is any collection of things listed or specified well enough so that one can say exactly whether a certain thing does or does not belong to it.

SIMPLE CLOSED CURVE. A plane closed curve which does not intersect itself.

SIMILAR. A relationship between two geometric figures which have the same shape but not necessarily the same size.

SKEW. Two lines which do not intersect and are not parallel.

SOLUTION SET. The set of all numbers which make an open number sentence true.

SPACE. The set of all points.

SUBSET. Given two sets A and B, B is a subset of A if every member of B is also a member of A.

T

TRIANGLE. A polygon with three sides.

U

UNION OF TWO SETS. The union of two sets is the set of all elements that are in at least one of the given sets.

UNIQUE. An adjective meaning one and only one.

V

VERTEX (pl. VERTICES).

of an angle: the common endpoint of its two rays.

of a polygon: the common endpoint of two segments.

of a prism or pyramid: the common endpoint of three or more edges.

VOLUME. A measurement in terms of a specified unit which is assigned to a solid region. Note that both number and unit must be given, as 3 cubic feet.

W

WHOLE NUMBER. The counting numbers and the number 0: {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, ...} .

Z

ZERO. The number associated with the empty set.